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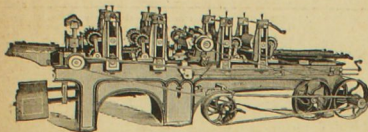
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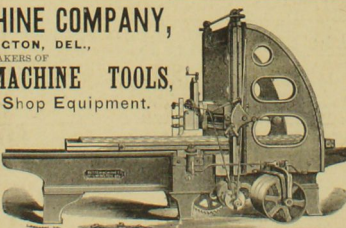
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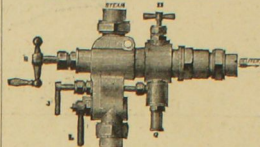
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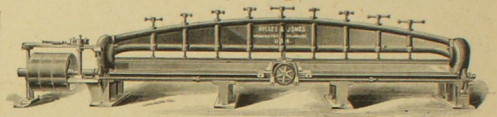
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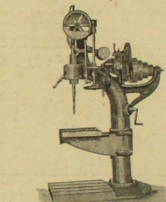
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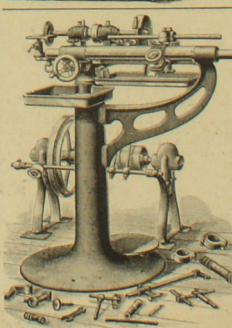
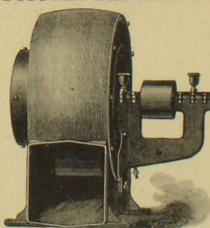
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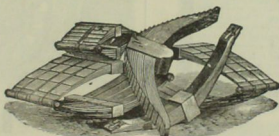
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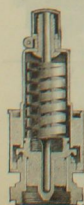
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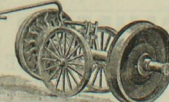
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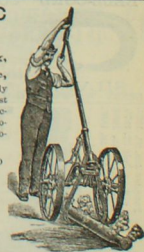
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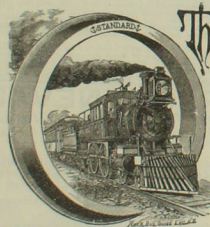
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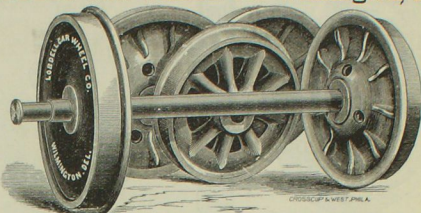


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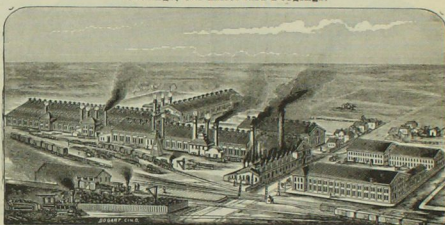


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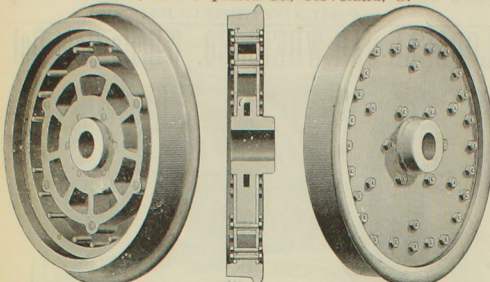
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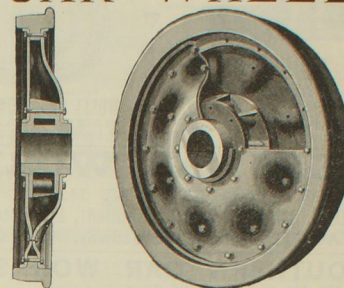
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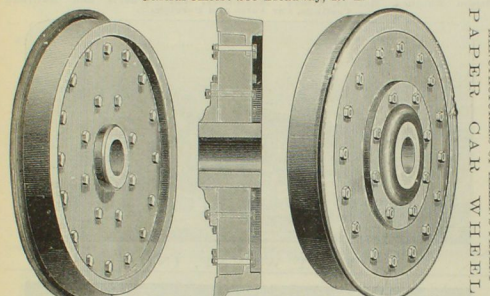


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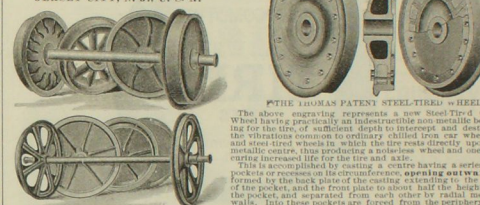


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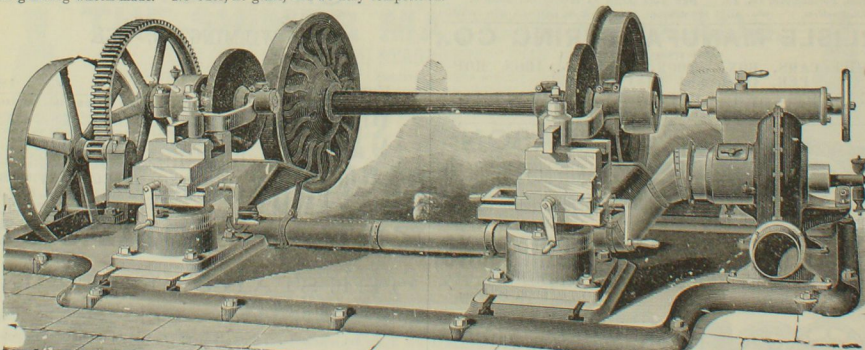
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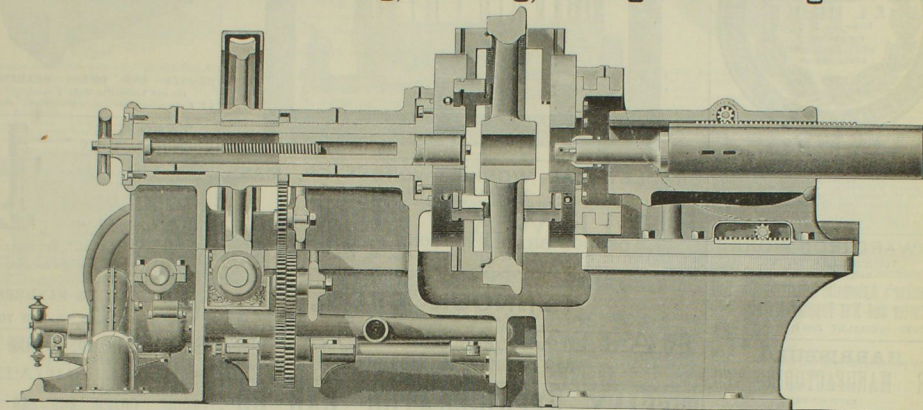
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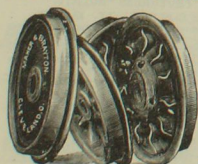
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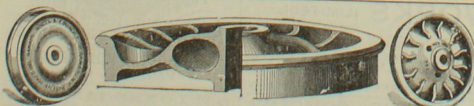
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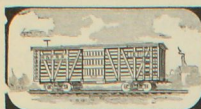
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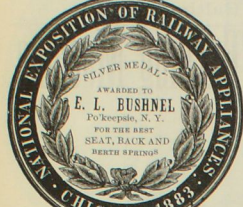
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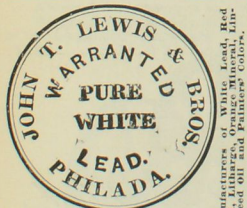
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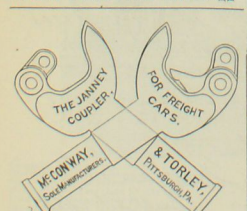
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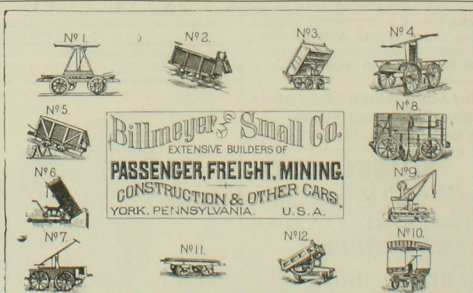
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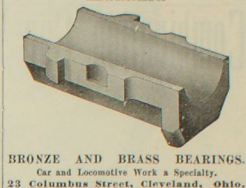
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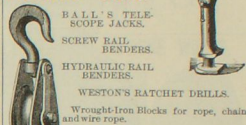
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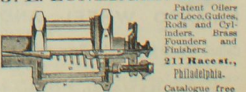
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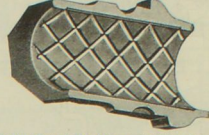
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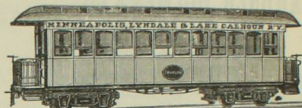
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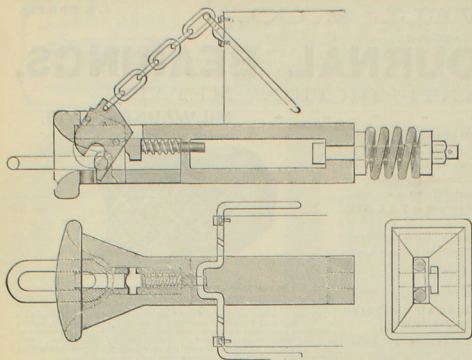
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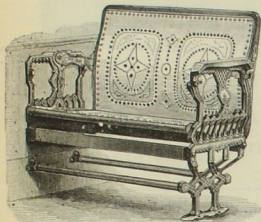
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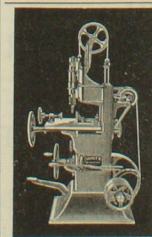
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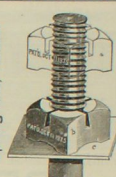
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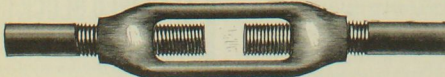
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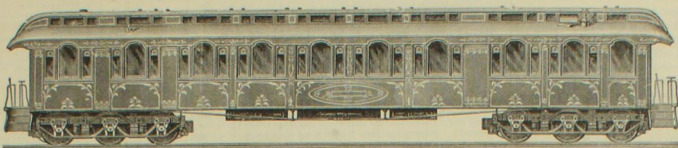
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Miscellaneous Items.

The Master Car-Painters' Association will hold its sixteenth annual convention at Toronto, Can., beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The C., B. & Q. road is said to be negotiating with the American Brake Co. and the Rote Brake Co. with the view of equipping a certain number of the cars of that road with the brakes of these companies, so as to be able to judge of their relative merits.

Two Pullman sleeping cars with side doors have been introduced on the Midland Railway, of England. They are shorter than those of the ordinary type, and have no end doors or platforms. A little further modification and the Pullman features would disappear altogether.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company do not use the Master Car-Builders' standard car brass. They use a brass of their own design which weighs 14½ pounds when new and requires no wedge. The officers of this road claim that they have fewer hot boxes than any road in the country. A hot box on a passenger train is practically unknown on the road.

The last monthly report received from the Fitchburg R.R. shows 95 locomotives in service, each making an average monthly mileage of 1,957 miles. On the Fitchburg division and branches, 40.3 miles are run to the ton of coal, and on the Vermont & Massachusetts division, which is heavy to operate, 30.4 miles are run to the ton of coal, 2,240 pounds being reckoned a ton.

The Laconia (N. H.) Car Co. have built three first-class combination passenger and baggage cars for the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn road. They are 52 feet long by 9 feet wide over sills. The inside finish of the passenger compartment is in mahogany, with bird's-eye maple veneer ceilings, the seats are the Hale & Kilburn rattan tilting pattern, and the lighting is by four double hurricane lamps made by Rice & Co. The cars run on iron trucks with 30-inch steel wheels. Weight of car bodies, 25,000 lbs.; each; trucks, 19,000 lbs.; total, 44,000 lbs.

TRAVELERS on the fast train between New York and Chicago over the New York Central route, say that the sleeping-car accommodations are better than they were under the old Wagner Car Co.'s management. It is said that the New York Central Sleeping Car Co., which replaced the Wagner Co., is quietly working to secure control of, or consolidate its lines with those of the Woodruff Co. The purchase by the former company of the right to provide the sleeping-car service on the Bee Line system, is said to have been a preliminary step in this direction.

MR. GEORGE J. JOHNSON, of La Crosse, Wis., an old conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern road, has invented a draw-gear attachment for railroad cars that is very well spoken of wherever it has been used. It provides for connecting the draw-bar by cross-pieces to the sills for the purpose of preventing the draw-bar from being pulled out. Spiral springs are used to absorb violent shocks, and a combination is formed that is likely to prevent the troublesome and dangerous delays caused by the pulling out of draw-bars. The invention can be applied to any form of car.

THE Northern Pacific R. R. Co. have contracted to send through from Tacoma, Wash. Ter., to St. Paul, Minn., 5,000 tons of tea by special trains equipped with air brakes. These are the first tea shipments of the season, and the tea being brought from China by a vessel chartered by the road, and if the enterprise proves to be a paying one, it is the intention to develop the trade by this new route. The first train was run through to New York in 8 days and 4 hours, the whole distance being 3,375 miles. Some tea trains have been run through from San Francisco to Chicago in less than five days, making better time than the ordinary passenger trains. Many railroad men think that in a few years the greater part of the tea for European consumption will be brought from China in this way.

For several years the government of India has been purchasing iron cars for freight business on Indian railways. Cars of this material are said to give entire satisfaction in service. Contracts were recently closed for the construction of sixty iron box cars and ten flat cars of

the same material. All these cars are to be 25 feet long, and will be built in the American style, with center-bearing trucks and center coupling. The frames will be made of channel bar steel, and the transoms of the trucks will be steel. The floor, sides and roof of the cars are made of sheet iron riveted to angle irons. The published details are rather meager, but the cars do not strike us as being strong or as likely to be durable in rough service. The trucks are of iron, but in design they resemble the pedestal freight cars used in ancient times by the Boston & Albany and other Eastern roads.

MR. P. J. COCHRANE, Master of Machinery of the South Carolina Railway, has in his possession a piece of the first strap rail put down on the road he is connected with. That road has a claim to high distinction among American Railroads, for the company were the first in the world to decide that their line should be operated by locomotives. When the directors of the Liverpool & Manchester Railway, the first line in England built for general traffic, were disputing among themselves about what form of traction they should use, the majority favoring rope traction and stationary engines, the directors of the South Carolina Railway, then under construction, decided to operate by locomotive engines, and gave their president permission to have an engine built. Many relics of this pioneer road were preserved for years, but most of them were destroyed or lost during the chaos and disorder caused by the war.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company have got 13 Rogers locomotives in service that have been running over 30 years, and they still have the original boilers in use. Most of these engines are light, weighing about 25 tons, and have cylinders 15 x 22 inches and wheels 3 feet diameter. The engines are now getting too light for the work of the road and they will probably be cut up within a very few years, and the company can well afford to put the engines aside, for few locomotives have earned an equal amount of money. The oldest engine still running on the road is a Rogers make, which has been in service 33 years. Nearly thirty years ago this engine was run for some time by Mr. Morris Sellers, the well-known railroad supply dealer, and at that early day the engine was regarded as a wonder among locomotives, owing to the astonishing weight of trains she could pull.

The Mann's Boudoir Car Co. have ordered the construction of four cars for the South Australian railways. They are built in sections for shipment, and will be the most elaborate and complete of any that have yet been turned out by this company. The order was given after a thorough investigation by a commission appointed by the South Australian Government Railway Administration, to determine the best style of sleeping car that could be obtained. The commission visited this country last year, and also went to Europe, where the Mann cars are extensively used. There are now 43 of them in regular service in the United States and Canada, and the company announce that they have recently organized a service on the Boston & Lowell road, and have extended their line between Chicago and Detroit to London, Canada, over the Great Western division of the Grand Trunk.

The ordinary passenger locomotive on New England Railroads averages an expenditure of between 60 and 70 pounds of coal per mile, at a cost of not far from 15 cents, while an expense of one half cent per mile for oil and tallow is considered a good showing. A run of 30 miles per ton of coal, and of 100 miles per gallon of oil, is not an unusual figure on Western roads. The cost of fuel is often about one-third the total cost per mile, that of oil about two or three per cent of the total. Two or three times as much oil is used under a passenger car as under a freight car. The cost of repairs is enormously variable. It has been found in some cases of good practice, that a pound of bearing and a pound of journal are worn away by, respectively, 25,000 and 75,000 miles of travel. But the cost of this form of depreciation alone is enormously greater than the mere cost of material per pound. Using a black oil, the cost of wear has been found five times that of the lubricant and twice that of the power.

The locomotive that was built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works some years ago for the purpose of making specially high speed on the Bound Brook route has come

to a humiliating end. The engine had single-coupled driving wheels, 78 inches in diameter, driven by cylinders 18 x 24 inches, a steel boiler 52 inches in diameter supplying steam. The hind part of the engine was carried by a single pair of wheels, and a device was provided for throwing part of the weight that usually rested on these wheels on to the drivers. Although there seemed no limit to the speed this engine appeared capable of attaining with a light load, it was not regarded as a success for the heavy trains that have to be pulled between New York and Philadelphia, and was shortly afterward sold to the Eames Vacuum Brake Company and taken to Europe. After various vicissitudes this engine, which was during her latter days called the Lovett Eames, was sold in England recently for \$900, and was broken up for scrap.

Two new parlor sleeping cars have recently been put on the Connecticut River road. Each car has 30 revolving chairs. The berths and bedding by day are placed in perpendicular cabinets, that are folded back against the sides of the car between the windows, giving the effect of elaborate finish. At night the chairs are taken apart and folded down near the floor, and are not used at all in arranging the berths, the same upholstery both by day and night, as is the case in sleeping cars. The lower berths are not as high as the lower berths in sleeping cars, because the height is not determined by the height of the seat, and the upper berths are also lower and easier to get into. Each berth in each of the ten sections has light from a window and is furnished with bevel-edged mirrors, and the beds are hair mattresses upon steel springs. Each car has a large wash-room, smoking room, closets and buffet, and the ventilation is as near perfect as it can be. Each section is furnished with a child's seat, which lets down from the side of the car. The cars are finished in mahogany inside and out and are very handsome. The overhead interior is beautifully decorated.

MR. ROBERT F. FAIRLIE, the inventor of the locomotive which bears his name, died in London, July 31, aged 55. In December last he went to Venezuela to construct and equip a complete railway system for that country, but caught the jungle fever while surveying some pestilential marshes, and was compelled to return to England, but never fully recovered. His well-known "double bogie" locomotive was originally designed for doubling the capacity of the famous Festiniog narrow-gauge railway without doubling the track. Its peculiar feature consisted in attaching the driving-wheels and cylinders to a truck frame which turned on a center-pin like an ordinary truck, independently of the boiler, the steam and exhaust pipes having flexible joints, and the driving-wheels being adjustable to the curvatures of the track. These engines have been extensively used in various parts of the world for the class of work for which they were intended, and in this country were very much improved by Mr. Wm. Mason, of Taunton, Mass. Their most conspicuous success was in Russia, on the line between St. Petersburg and Moscow, and for which the Czar ordered a special gold medal to be struck in honor of the inventor.

The Scotch papers have lately devoted considerable space to descriptions of two sleeping cars built recently at Pullman, Ill., for the Highland Railway, and now running between Perth and Inverness. This road passes through some of the wildest mountain scenery in Scotland, and is a favorite route of travel for Southern tourists and sportsmen. The new sleepers are 36 feet 3 inches long, weigh 15 tons and accommodate 16 passengers. They are constructed on the separate compartment system, so dear to British caste prejudices. There are four separate compartments in each car, access to which is obtained from a passage down the center. Lavatories are placed between each compartment. The cars are handsomely fitted up with mahogany inlaid with maple and ash, the upholstery being in claret French plush, with curtains and carpets to match, and present a very rich and artistic appearance. Each berth is fitted up with electric bells, and special attention has been paid to ventilation. A free passage of air is obtained by means of dust and air deflectors, which are a novelty in Scotland, where ventilation is usually secured by opening the window when the weather is warm enough to admit of fresh air being passed into an unheated railroad car.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co.'s System of Keeping Car Records.

While at the Master Car-Builders' Convention, in June, we were fortunate enough to make the acquaintance of Mr. G. W. Ettenger, chief draftsman of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, who promised to furnish us with particulars of their system of keeping records of passenger and freight car equipment. The following letter, with the accompanying forms, etc., gives eloquent testimony as to how the promise was kept:

RICHMOND, Va., July, 1885.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builders' Convention:

As I promised to do when at the Old Point several weeks ago, I send you a description of the system we have in use in our Motive Power Department for keeping a correct record of our freight and passenger equipment, and, in order that it may be perfectly understood, we will take a supposed case and follow it through.

Blue prints of the same style as Nos. 1470 and 1471 (detail drawings), with a copy of the specifications of the kind of car wanted, are placed in the hands of car-builders, and contracts made by the general officers of the company. The time and point of delivery having been agreed upon, the Motive Power Department takes the matter in charge, and a resident inspector is sent from one of the company's shops, to remain in the ground during the progress of the work. As fast as the cars are completed and found satisfactory, they are receipted for and sent into service, and daily reports are made by the inspector through the mails to the office of the Superintendent of Motive Power, sending in Form 439 (which is furnished him in pads of 50 each), filled out in ink with the dimensions of the car received, and the name of the inspector signed in full, he being instructed to measure each individual car before it leaves the works, thus forming an additional check against any inaccuracy in the workmanship.

Upon the receipt of these forms at the office of the Superintendent of Motive Power, they are copied into the Car Record Books (a leaf from one of which I send herewith, which gives a space for each individual car, and which will show at any time the dimensions and construction of the principal parts of the said car. The soon as a car is owned and operating a number of cars of diversified sizes and styles, and which were built at dates widely apart, will be found a source of great convenience both for the Transportation and Motive Power Departments.

The car, after having been in service a short time, is wrecked, and a foot note in red ink is its obituary. This gives at all times the disposition made of the car, and where the proper papers can be found from which the authority to so record it was derived.

In a short time, a fresh order for cars is given, and the clerk in charge of the car record books is called upon for the numbers of the cars that are vacant in the different classes, and our old friend, 1881, is among the others that are re-ordered, the same report is before (Form 439) and column two in the record books is called into service.

After some years of service the car is damaged and sent to one of the company's shops for repairs, and is gone over. Since the car was built, in the usual order of things new standards have been adopted, and the car is changed to suit the new practice, and a report of changes on "Form 440" is forwarded by the Master Car-Builders to the office of Superintendent of Motive Power, and is recorded by the clerk as a foot note, the circular marked "A" having been filled out to get Form 440 into service.

For the convenience and information of the authorities of roads using our cars, copies of blue print No. 1472 were sent to the mechanical heads of each of our connecting lines and posted at prominent points in their shops, and each inspecting station on our own lines was also furnished with a copy.

Cars Nos. 980 and 1381 were loaded at the seaboard for Chicago, and in transit met with an accident on a foreign road. The proper authorities elect to rebuild them, and require certain parts for that purpose. The cars were built at different times and are entirely different in their parts, but an order from the proper official, giving the number of each car and the number and name of the parts wanted, will ensure the proper memorandum of the correct pieces to be made by the record clerk without delay. For example:

Mr. _____ Supt. Motive Power,

Richmond, Va.

Please furnish _____ M. C. B., at Columbus, Ohio, for

repairs of C. & O. Box-car No. 980.

2 Oil Boxes, with lids (no Brasses or Wedges).

5 Brake Heads and Shoes.

2 Brake Fawls and Ratchets.

1 Drawhead.

And for repairs of C. & O. Box-car No. 1381:

4 Oil Boxes and lids (with Brasses and Wedges).

5 Brake Heads and Shoes.

2 Drawheads.

1 Set Irons for Side Door.

And charge same to account of _____ Pur. Agt.

The order to the Storekeeper at Huntington Shops

was to be as follows:

Mr. _____ Storekeeper,

Huntington, W. Va.

Please ship to _____ M. C. B., _____ Ry., Columbus,

Ohio:

2 Oil Boxes C 990.

2 Oil-box Lids C 990.

5 Brake Heads C 990.

5 Brake Eccentrics C 990.

5 Brake Shoes C 990.

5 Brake Beam protectors C 990.

2 Brake Fawls C 1381.

2 Brake Plates C 990.

2 Brake Ratchets C 990.

1 Draw-head C 990.

4 Oil Boxes C 990.

4 Oil-box Lids C 990.

5 Brake Shoes C 990.

5 Brake Heads C 990.

4 Wedges C 990.

4 Brasses E 10.

1 Set Castings, Wagner Side Door C 446, 447, 448, 449, 450,

451, 452, 453, 454. (C. M. I. Wks.)

2 Standard Drawheads. (C. & O. System.)

And send bill of same to office of Chief Clerk.

_____ Supt. Motive Power.

the same passing through the hands of the record clerk, entered by him under special head and checked again by him when paid, the original letter from the Chicago people authorizing bill to be made being filed as record in car record "General Information Book."

The company decides to build a few cars at their own shops, and No. 1,381 is given to record clerk to M. C. B. as a number for one of them. Form 439 is sent in as before, and the entry made in column three, which is the correct present standing of the car.

In the present case, the road owned and operated a large number of old cars, of which no record as to the styles of construction or sizes of parts had ever been kept, the cars having been furnished by different builders from their own standards. Blue print No. 1,472* was sent to each of the shops, and as fast as the cars came through they were measured and a Form 439, filled out for each and forwarded to the office in accordance with circulars C 1, 2 and 3, which were issued in the order given.

As soon after the first of each month as the work can be got into shape, the record clerk makes out a statement (B) which shows exactly the number of cars owned by the company, and also shows at a glance what became of the cars that are recorded vacant. A copy of this, together with a supplementary form, is furnished to each of the proper officers of the road monthly.

For the record of the engine and passenger car equipment, forms of the same style are used, and in connection with the same small blank printed sheets, one of the principal dimensions of each coach or engine, and then found into books and copies of the same put into the hands of the proper officers of the road monthly.

These prints in blank are of great service in calling for

Kentucky Central-Flats.....	1	"	199	"
Gondola.....	1	"	199	"
Box.....	200	"	700	"
Stock.....	701	"	800	"

*Even. +Odd.

Supt. M. Power.

C. 3.

Subject (Reporting measurement of cars, Form 439).

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY CO.,

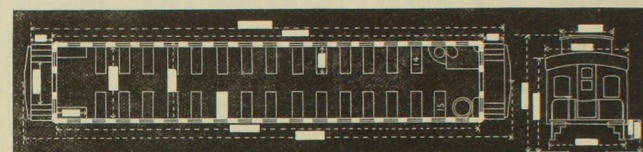
RICHMOND, VA., July 1, 1885.

DEAR SIR: You will note that in measuring and reporting cars in accordance with Form 439, the following points are to be observed:

For box, fast freight, caboose and stock cars, dimension No. 10, or "height inside of box," is to be the height in the clear, or distance between floor and lowest point of the roof-carpenter, and dimension No. 11, or "height above rails," is to be the distance from the top of rails to top of running boards, and for No. 14, or "style of roof," say "standard double," "circular tin" or "square tin." Under the head of "remarks," note location and position of ladders and any peculiarities of construction worthy of record. For plain, hopper and drop-bottom gondolas, dimension No. 10, is to be the distance from top of floor to top of the side, and No. 11 is to be the distance from the top of the rails to the top of the sides. For 4 and 8 wheel hoppers, dimension No. 10 is to be the distance from top of floor to top of the side, and No. 11 is to be the distance from top of rails to top of sides. For flat cars No. 11 is to be the distance from top of rails to top of floor.

Supt. M. Power.

Specimen Form herewith.



Form of Passenger Car Dimension Print.

Circular A.

Subject (Reporting changes in freight car construction).

OFFICE OF THE SUPT. MOTIVE POWER,

RICHMOND, VA., July 1, 1885.

DEAR SIR: On and after this date, when any changes are made from the original construction of the Ches. and Ohio, E. L. and R. S., and Kentucky Central freight cars repaired in your shops, they are to be reported in full on Form 440. The changes will be specified by number, using the numbers as indicated on Drawing 52. The Form must be filled up carefully and the signature written in full, the initials not to be used in any case.

Forward these to this office with the

Corresponding No. 410.

Supt. M. Power.

dimensions of any special work that it would not be convenient to send a draftsman to. For instance, if we were asked if a certain special foreign engine coach would pass safely over the road, we would send a print to the parties for the width and height to be put on it in the blank spaces. This would enable us to answer the question and also send a record for answering future inquiries from same parties. This is but one of a number of instances in which any man that could use a rule or a line could furnish information wanted without being qualified to make sketches.

This System of Car Records was put into service more than a year ago, and has worked like clock-work from the first day of its use, and from an almost chaotic state of affairs we are able at a moment's notice to describe the dimensions, condition, construction and age of any member of an equipment list which is perhaps as diversified as they generally become.

In building the record books, the sample sheet shows the size used. This gives six cars on the page, and by arranging the different classes of cars by themselves, box, stock, gondola, etc., forms a ready means of reaching any member of an equipment list which is perhaps as diversified as they generally become.

G. W. ETTENGER.

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY CO.,
OFFICE OF THE M. C. B.,
RICHMOND, VA., July 1, 1885.

Notice to Form.

On and after this date, all cars of the Chesapeake & Ohio and E. L. & R. S. and Kentucky Central railways, passing through pass shops for repairs, are to be measured and reported in accordance with Form No. 439, blanks for which will be furnished you by the shop clerk. These reports must be handed into the office at the close of each day's work, signed with your name in full. You will post up the explanatory drawings, No. 52, and familiarize the men and yourselves with the proper numbers for the different kinds of trucks, draw-bars and brakes in use on the roads.

Sup. Motive Power.

M. C. B.

Note.—The cars are to be measured after being repaired, and when they have two kinds of trucks or draw-bars it must be stated on Form, giving both numbers. As soon as a car is measured, stencil it with the shop stencil. These stencils must be used in every case. If you see the stencil on the end of a car, you will know that the car has been measured and will measure it the second time. Give the pattern number of the draw-head and brake-shoe and head castings, and if more of the same kind is used, give both numbers. Fill up the Form carefully, taking care that the figures are perfectly legible. To learn the proper pattern numbers, see the sample castings painted black with white numbers at casting platform.

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILWAY CO.,
OFFICE SUPT. M. POWER,
RICHMOND, VA., July 1, 1885.

DEAR SIR: In making the measurements called for on Form 439, the numbers wanted are:

Chesapeake & Ohio—Box.....	From	To	Inclusive.
"Gondolas.....	1	100	100
"Flats.....	100	1,000	1,000
"Hoppers.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
"Caboose.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
"Fast freight.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
"Coal.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
"H. B. gondolas.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
"Flat.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
"Stock.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
"H. B. gondolas.....	1,000	1,000	1,000

* Blue print No. 1,472 contains six outline tracings of brake-rods and wheels for as many different cars, also seven styles of freight trucks, seven kinds of draw-bars, and various patterns of brake-heads and shoes; all of which are numbered for convenient reference.

Added during the month.	Make vacant in the month.	Other points.	Containing slope.	Torn down.	Marked shops.	no record.	foreign cars.	" N. C. R. R.	" E. L. & R. S.	" H. B.	Destroyed on Road.	" H. B. gondolas.	" box.	" stock.	" other gondolas.	" 4 and 8 wheel.	" brake.	" baggage.	" tool.	Changed to other uses.	Number broken in.	Number in service.	Highest.	Lowest number.

(Ruled with vertical and horizontal lines, with divisions and headings for the three roads, respectively.)

Monthly Statement of the Freight Car Equipment on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and the Elizabeth River and the Kentucky Central Railroads for the month ending _____ 1885.

OFFICE OF THE SUPT. MOTIVE POWER, RICHMOND, VA., _____ 1885.

(Types and signatures of Supt. Motive Power, Richmond, Va., and Chief Clerk, Huntington, W. Va.)

Why Railroad Business is Not Remunerative.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builder:

It is apparent to those who have studied the subject closely, that a crisis in railroad affairs is approaching, if, indeed, it is not already at hand. The very general inability of the roads to earn interest upon their outstanding indebtedness is an evidence that widely operating causes have contributed to bring about this result. A great variety of reasons are assigned to account for the falling off in netted earnings. It is generally conceded that much of it is due to competition and the construction of new lines not required by the volume of traffic. There are other causes, however, that are less prominent, and only escape observation because they lie deeper. The purpose of this article is to invite attention to some of these underlying causes.

While it is certain that the roads are not at present making money, it is at the same time not so sure that they can not do so. It is said there is not business enough to keep their equipment employed even at the present low rates. It would probably be nearer the truth to say that the roads are too much identified with Wall street, and so long as they continue to be outlying appendages of that great center of speculation, they will continue to hover on the ragged edge of bankruptcy. Delivered from the influence and control of the stock exchange, and managed as legitimate money-making enterprises, the most of them could, even in the present depressed state of business, earn enough to pay operating expenses and interest. The primary fault is obviously in the prevailing system of management. That an improvement in this respect is possible, is manifest from the fact that some exceptional roads that have been operated for the purpose of making money in a legitimate way, and without reference to the market quotations of stocks, have continued to be, and are still, comparatively prosperous. Superiority of location and an absence of rival lines have had much less to do with their success than might be supposed. The secret of it is in their judicious management, and had some of the great trunk lines that have recently been "paralleled," been as well managed, they would never have had competitors such as they now have.

If the existing roads that are now struggling with adversity are to make money in future, several very radical changes will have to be made in their methods of management and superintendence. After cutting away from the demoralizing influence of the stock market, the next important move is to select for the higher grades of officials men who have a much greater amount of technical knowledge than the majority of managers and superintendents now have. There is abundance of proof accumulating every day, that many of the men who now fill these positions are so deficient in this kind of knowledge as to be unfitted for the practical performance of their duties. There is an old nautical proverb that "the best sea-captains come in at the hawse-hole and not at the cabin windows." This, as applied to railroads, is equivalent to saying that the best manager begins as a water-boy and not as assistant superintendent. Although this practical drift, beginning with the lowest round, is very essential as giving the first officer an insight into subordinate details, it is not enough of itself, and does not go far enough. A good master mechanic can not be made on the foot-board, nor a good master car-builder in the repair yard. In these days a scientific training is necessary, in addition to what can be learned in the shop and on the road. It is owing to the lack of such training in very many cases that those in charge of railroad mechanical departments attempt to run them on what is called "strictly business principles." It is an attempt to run a railroad as a merely conventional "business man" sometimes tries to run a factory. In both cases the results are the same. So long as there is no very close competition, both are successful. But the moment it becomes necessary to economize in order to save a small margin of profit, the business man's factory languishes and the railroad goes to the wall. Yet other enterprises of the kind, under the direct on of men with the requisite technical and scientific knowledge allied with good business capacity, manage to survive periods of stagnation and come out right side up. Any number of mistakes resulting from the causes above indicated, might be cited, and which have occurred in railroad mechanical departments. A few of them may here be noted as samples of the general run.

A manager, not long ago, who was quite ignorant of the practical details of car construction, allowed his subordinates to adopt as a standard a style of decoration and finish for the passenger cars of his road which in eighteen months looked old and seedy, nor can it be rejuvenated. Before long some of the younger men connected with the car department of the road will be giving the Car-Builders Association the benefit of their "experience" in the use of natural woods, by showing that it is unsuitable for cars on "their road," and their road being a big one, this will be listened to with marked deference as the experience of a big road. Nothing is learned from such mistakes, because those who make them do not know they are on the wrong track, and that others, by avoiding the mistake, have succeeded while the big road people have failed. Freight cars are also built under this kind of management, so

weak in the center that the load breaks the car's back and corks up its ends; then a stronger car is built, and a brace is put in to hold the corner down—the first error leading to a greater one in the attempt to correct the mistake. Another class of errors resulting from lack of knowledge on the part of managers and superintendents, pertains to rolling stock and the losses incurred by its neglect. Passenger cars are kept on the road long after they should have been taken into the paint shop to have the shrinkage cracks stopped, if nothing more. The result is, that the life of the cars is shortened a number of years, and the loss, and frequently in the case of freight cars, is such a condition that the road is unable to take advantage of its opportunities.

From replies made to manufacturers who want special sidings built, it would seem that very few superintendents know with any certainty to what extent the road can afford to build such sidings. There is a vague notion that so many cars a day will warrant the outlay for the construction of a siding, but what should be known is the actual number of feet in proportion to the tons of freight.

Probably not half a dozen managers in the country can tell whether it will pay their roads to build a mill and roll their own scrap into bar iron; and it would be difficult to find one who can tell anything about the advantages of having special shapes of all kinds rolled in the same price as a merchant bar. If a master mechanic should present the figures and attempt to demonstrate the saving that would result, he would be suspected of doing it from motives of personal and private interest, and no heed would be given to him. Suggestions made by subordinates are not apt to be weighed in reference to their intrinsic value, but by a kind of generalization which takes into account only which the subordinates are supposed to be doing. Even when experiments and tests are resorted to, the results are not clearly understood, and as a consequence, the higher officials do not see in what direction investigation should proceed, but have to depend upon their own imperfect knowledge and such suggestions of their subordinates as may happen to strike them favorably.

In the locomotive departments this relationship between high road officials and the details and the departments is practically exemplified. The ignorant superior has to be on his guard as much as possible against his wiser and better informed inferior, who must make suggestions in such a way as not to reflect upon the capacity of those above him; or, in other words, the suggestions must be made to appear as if they were derived from headquarters. Important questions have to be referred, of course, to the master mechanic, who has to do not only his own work, but see that his superior makes proper decisions without giving himself away, as the phrase goes. In this important department the actual head has to say, "By your leave," while the nominal, or, more properly, the figure-head, is lacking in the knowledge that is essential to initiate reforms and adhere to a well-considered policy. The one who has to do the work is so circumscribed in his sphere that he can not do anything in a straightforward way, and he almost necessarily grows narrow-minded. The construction which will give him the least trouble, and which will enable his department to make the best showing, regardless of the interests of the road, is the best for him under such circumstances. Put the same man at the head of the road, or in the place where he belongs, and the case would be different. Then he would serve the road and not a single department of it.

Another trouble resulting from a lack of mechanical training among high officials is the inability to make and preserve the proper records and statistics pertaining to the details and operations of the mechanical departments. Objections are made on account of the expense attending such an undertaking, and other obstacles of one kind and another are thrown in the way. Every master mechanic and master car-builder knows the difficulties experienced in devising anything like a practicable system of car and wheel mileage and things of a similar kind. The objections in these cases have almost invariably come from a source where the importance of records and statistics would have been the most highly appreciated, and from which the efforts to secure them should have received the greatest encouragement.

The tenor and drift of this article will not, of course, be misunderstood. It is not intended to be sweeping and indiscriminate, but merely to set forth a prevailing drawback and dead weight upon railroad prosperity at the present stage of railroad development. B.

CONSIDERABLE success has been achieved on various street railways with the use of the Thompson car starter. From Mr. L. G. Hanna, of Cleveland, O., agent for the starter, we learn that it is in use on several street railways in Cleveland, and gives entire satisfaction. They do not have any trouble with its making horses balky, an objection which has been generally raised against the use of car starters. During the course of a public test recently made of the starter, the car on which it was applied was stopped on a steep hill at a point where there was a sharp curve. The horses could not start the car at that point, but without any help from them the starter put the car in motion, after which the horses easily kept it going.

Form of Car Record Book.

Car No. 1881	1881 box	1881 box
Put in service	June 12, 1885	June 12, 1885
Assigned to	Kingman & Co.	Kingman & Co.
Light weight	35,700 lbs.	35,700 lbs.
Length inside of box	33 ft. 9 in.	33 ft. 9 in.
Width " "	8 ft. 9 in.	8 ft. 9 in.
Height " "	6 ft. 7 in.	6 ft. 7 in.
Weight above rails	12 ft. 4 in.	12 ft. 4 in.
Style of brake	No. 6	No. 6
Style of drawbar	No. 6	No. 6
Style of truck	No. 7	No. 7
Condition when measured	New	New
Measured at	Kingman & Co.	Kingman & Co.
Remarks	This car was equipped with the Wagner side and end doors and the Allen flexible grain doors. See Form 410, No. 720.	

Form 439.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Car Inspector's Report

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

Car No. 1381

Built by.....Easting Mfg Co.

Put in service.....June 12, 1885.

Light weight.....35,700 lbs.

Capacity.....40,000 "

Length over framing.....34 ft. 0 in.

Width " ".....8 " 9 "

Length inside of box.....33 " 5 "

Width " ".....8 " 1 "

Height " ".....6 " 7 "

" " above rails.....12 " 4 "

Style of brake.....No. 6

" " drawbar.....Titus & Bossinger

" " roof.....Standard

" " truck.....No. 7

Size of journal.....35 1/2 x 7 in.

Measured at.....Easting Shops, June 12, 1885.

Condition when measured.....New

Remarks.....Car equipped with Wagner doors and Allen grain doors. Inspector.

The car must be stenciled in every case when measured.

Form 440.

Ches. & Ohio Railway,

Huntingtown Shops, August 2, 1885.

C. & O. Car No. 1381 turned out this day was furnished with

New draft rigging on.....ends, No.

.....New drawheads, pattern No.

.....center-plate, " No.

.....draft-spring.....diam.....long

(Capacity changed to 50,000 lbs.)

.....truck rebuilt as No.

.....new oil box, " pattern No.

....." axle " journal.....inches

....." brake-head, " pattern No.

1 New bolster spring, Graduated.

This car was damaged at.....

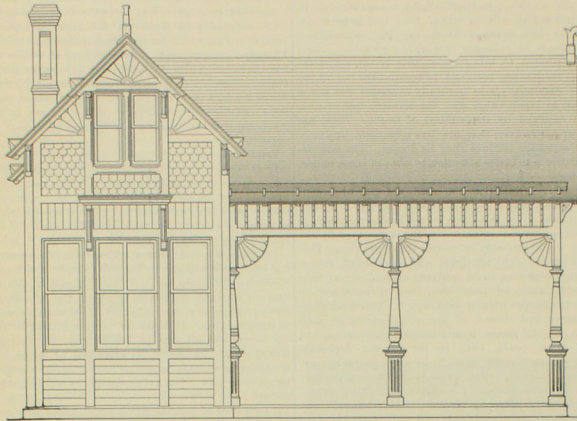
and reported on No. of Form 410.

J. S. SMITH, Foreman.

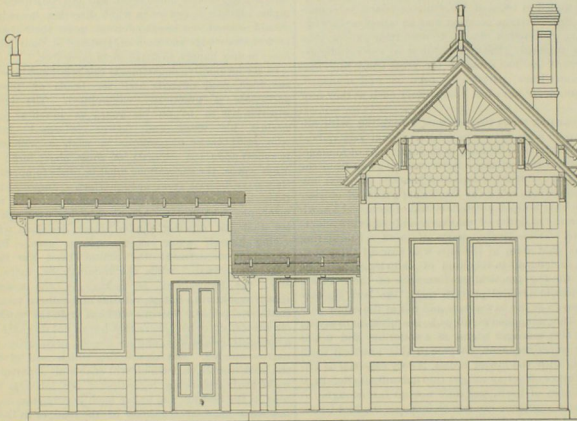
Just at this time there is a good deal of inquiry as to when electric motors are to have a trial on the elevated roads.—American Mechanic.

Why don't such restless, inquisitive people find out where the headquarters of the motors are, and when they have found out, go there and ask the manager about it? If he can't tell 'em, nobody can, and they must wait.

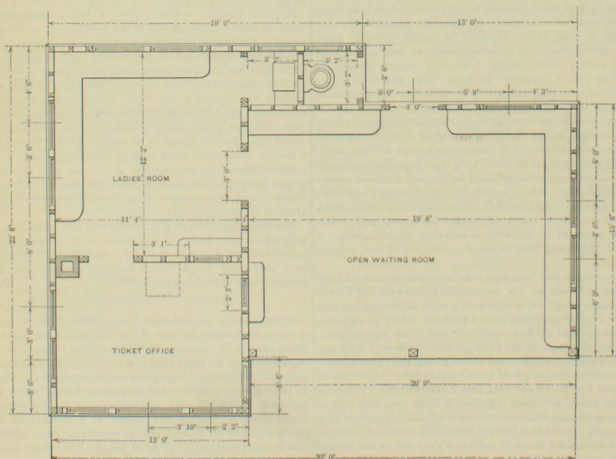
STANDARD No. 5 PASSENGER STATION HOUSE.

New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railway.

Front Elevation.



Rear Elevation.



Plan.

The engravings represent the standard "No. 5" station house of the New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railway, designed by Mr. John D. Fouquet, Superintendent of Buildings of the road. It is specially adapted to small suburban and way stations, and has an open waiting room communicating with a "Ladies' Room," the latter room being available in cold or stormy weather. Like all the station houses of this road, a second story is provided in the form of a tower, in which are the signaling and telegraph apparatus. The signal room in this case has a projection under the gable, and three windows commanding the track in both directions and also in front of the station. The arrangement of the building, as shown in the plan, is a very convenient one and gives a much larger accommodation than would be obtained from a building of similar size entirely enclosed. Stations erected on this plan look even better than they appear in the drawings, and when properly painted are very picturesque. On level ground the building is set on piers, which are 36 inches deep by 2 feet 8 inches at the base.

This style of station has been adopted and used by one or two other roads, and is much liked. Its unique character, convenience and picturesqueness, are greatly in its favor, while the small cost for which it can be erected makes it a very desirable structure to take the places of the mere sheds at many of the suburban stations on the lines of some of our largest roads.

Combustion in Locomotive Fire-Boxes.

BY ANGUS SINCLAIR.

First Article.

IMPORTANCE OF COAL ECONOMY.

The coal account of the locomotive department constitutes an important outlay in railroad expenditures; it makes a heavy drain upon every railroad in the country. We are told that the man who makes two blades of grass grow where one blade used to grow is a benefactor of the human race. As the quantity of coal provided for the use of mankind is limited, and the means of cultivating a fresh supply are not apparent, it would seem that the man who makes one pound of coal do the work that has generally called for the consumption of one and a half pounds of coal, is worthy of a share of the admiration accorded to the industrious agriculturist. There are locomotives in the country where the coal consumed in the generation of steam is used as economically as knowledge and skill can effect, but these are very exceptional cases. Much has been said and written of late years about proper methods of firing, founded on correct conceptions of the laws that regulate combustion, but the great mass of our locomotives continue to be fired in a way that violates all nature's laws, and a senseless waste of coal is the result. The opportunities for firemen mending their ways and earning the distinction of being public benefactors, to say nothing of being better worthy of employment, are innumerable.

WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BAD FIRING RESTS.

Unfortunately, ignorance of the laws relating to the combustion of coal is not confined to firemen and men of similar rank. The higher railroad officers, whose duty it is to supervise the work done by engineers, are in too many instances unable to detect shortcomings of their subordinates through want of technical knowledge. If these men would devote more time to studying the principles of combustion, the knowledge gained would redound to the advantage of railroad companies.

VALUE OF CHEMICAL KNOWLEDGE.

Practical men are, as a rule, too ready to underrate the value of information that has to be obtained by study of books; but a knowledge of the principles of combustion cannot well be reached in any other way, for life is too short for men engaged in other pursuits to acquire abstract chemical knowledge by original investigation. The burning of bituminous coal represents a most complex chemical phenomenon, and considerable acquaintance with the laws that regulate the combination of gases is necessary before a man can follow the process intelligently. And unless he understands the nature of combustion he is not likely to be very successful in arranging the details of furnaces where coal has to be burned. A master mechanic who does not understand the laws relating to combustion is like a physician who is ignorant of the laws of hygiene. Both men may follow their business and make a living at it, but neither is a credit to his profession.

WEAK OBSTACLES DETER STUDY.

Many men are deterred from entering upon the study of chemistry relating to combustion on account of the formidable names of gases, and the strange chemical terms that meet them at the start. A very little perseverance and courage will vanquish that lion in the path, which proves a very weak obstacle when firmly grappled with. After once engaging in it, every hour devoted to the study will bring ample compensation in the shape of extended knowledge. Without a knowledge of how the processes of combustion are carried on, a master mechanic is not only deficient in information directly relating to his constructive business, but he is continually liable to become the victim of patent furnace quacks, who often succeed in imposing upon railroads appliances recommended to pro-

mote combustion, which in operation act contrary to nature's processes.

COMPOSITION OF MATTER.

The chemical investigations of many scientists have shown that all substances found in the earth, the air and the sea, whether they are of mineral, of vegetable or of animal origin, may be divided into two great classes—simple bodies or elements, substances out of which nothing different can be got; and compound bodies formed from two or more of these elements. There are about sixty-five elements that have been so far identified. Some of the elements are gaseous, some are liquid, and others are found in a solid condition, at ordinary temperature.

Only fourteen of the elements are of common occurrence, and of these the great mass of the earth with its atmosphere and water are composed. The remainder occur only in comparatively small quantities, and fully one-third of the whole number are so rare as not to admit of any useful application.

Chemists usually designate the elements by their physical appearance, as metallic and non-metallic. A few of the best known non-metallic elements are oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, carbon, sulphur and phosphorus; a few of the most familiar metallic elements are iron, copper, zinc, gold, silver, lead and mercury.

CHEMICAL COMBINATIONS.

The elementary substances unite together to form compound bodies which are generally very unlike any of the elements they came from. Thus, oxygen and hydrogen unite to form water. All chemical combinations take place in fixed quantities, the water, for instance, being formed by 8 parts by weight of oxygen combining with 1 part by weight of hydrogen.

The cause of chemical combination is a matter of pure speculation, but it is supposed to occur through the agency of an attractive force, acting only between the atoms of dissimilar substances, and only at insensible distances. This force is spoken of as chemical affinity.

ELEMENTS IN COMBUSTION.

The elements which perform the principal operations in combustion are oxygen and carbon. Carbon is the combustible, and oxygen is the supporter of combustion. To call one of the elements a combustible and the other a supporter of combustion is not chemically correct, but it is a convenient way to designate them in describing furnace combustion. Carbon is the principal element found in trees and in all woody fiber, and it has a strong affinity for oxygen at certain high temperatures. It is supposed that the high temperature is necessary to enable the atoms of oxygen and carbon to get close enough to come under the influence of the attractive force. Wood may remain immersed in oxygen gas for years, and there will be no trace of chemical action; but raise the temperature to the point of ignition, and the two elements combine violently with evolution of great heat and light. Physicists have proved that heat results from the friction of all bodies. It is believed that when elements combine, the atoms are put in rapid motion, hammering against each other, and that the heat, so useful to man, results from this clashing of atoms.

The element, hydrogen, so well known as a constituent of water, is also a combustible, and evolves great heat by combining with oxygen to form water. Hydrogen is not found free in nature, but it appears associated with carbon in numerous compounds, and as such makes valuable fuel.

SLOW AND RAPID COMBUSTION.

There are many other combustible elements besides those mentioned, such as sulphur and phosphorus, but none of them are ever likely to be used for the commercial generation of heat. The rotting of wood and the rusting of iron are familiar instances of slow combustion, while the explosion of gunpowder, dynamite or gun-cotton, are cases of violently rapid combustion.

SOURCE OF OXYGEN USED IN COMBUSTION.

The oxygen required for furnace combustion is drawn from the atmospheric air, which consists of oxygen and nitrogen in the chemical combination in the proportion of 8 to 26.5; or, in other words, 1 cubic foot of oxygen to 3.35 pounds of nitrogen; or by volume, 1 cubic foot of oxygen to 3.76 cubic feet of nitrogen. For every pound of oxygen employed in combustion 4.35 pounds of air are consumed; or, by measure, for every cubic foot of oxygen employed in combustion, 4.76 cubic feet of air are consumed. Nitrogen acts entirely as a diluent to the oxygen with which it is associated, and it performs admirably conservative functions in nature; but for furnace combustion nitrogen is too freely represented and impedes economical fuel consumption in various ways. The large volume of this neutral gas accompanying the vital oxygen has to be heated to the highest furnace temperature, which represents considerable expenditure of fuel. Its presence also obstructs the direct contact of the oxygen and carbon, and leads parts of the gases to pass off uncombined.

COAL.

At remote period of time, the earth produced an enormous growth of forest trees and other kinds of vegetable matter, which, through convulsions on the surface of the globe got covered over with earth and rocks. Protected by this thick covering from the oxidizing influence of the atmosphere, and compressed by the superincumbent weight, the imprisoned matter solidified into coal. A process analogous to the original formation of the coal beds

may now be seen in the vegetable deposits being made by rank tropical growth of plants, and in the peat formations common in various parts of the world. The lignite found in so many parts of the United States, is a material apparently midway between wood and coal. Coal, being fossil wood that has gone through various physical changes induced by pressure and heat, contains all the elements found in wood, besides numerous impurities drawn from the surroundings of its subterranean bed.

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The ordinary run American bituminous coal contains from 50 to 75 per cent. of fixed carbon, which is the coke of the coal, and from 12 to 35 per cent. of volatile combustible, the latter being composed of substances resembling pitch, which burn with a lurid flame and supply the ingredients of coal gas. These inflammable substances are known as hydro-carbons, since they consist of different combinations of hydrogen and carbon. Mixed with all kinds of coal there are earthy and mineral impurities consisting of silica, alumina, iron, sulphur and saline matter, most of which do not burn, but remain behind as ashes.

ANTHRACITE COAL.

Anthracite coal differs from bituminous coal in this respect, that it consists principally of fixed carbon with but little volatile matter left in its composition. Good anthracite coal contains about 90 per cent. of pure carbon. The volatile substances are supposed to have been expelled by the action of heat.

The coal used for locomotive boilers in the United States ranges from low-grade bituminous coal that closely resembles lignite, up by imperceptible gradations to nearly pure carbon, as found in the best anthracite coal. Each different grade of coal ought to receive treatment in firing adapted to its chemical composition, but in most cases all kinds of coal are treated alike. In the succeeding articles I shall try to portray the effect of this promiscuous practice and suggest improvements.

Chicago & Northwestern Railway Shops.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railway has long been celebrated among railroads of the West for the highly efficient condition in which its rolling stock and machinery are maintained. From what the writer saw during the course of a day recently spent in examining the splendid shops at Chicago, there seems to be no danger of the old-time high standard deteriorating.

The impression that a mechanic receives in going round these shops, examining the machinery and watching the work done, is that Mr. Geo. W. Tilton, Superintendent of Motive Power and Machinery, follows very conservative methods in his construction work, and that his policy is to have every article turned out for locomotives, cars or track, first-class in material and fit. Merely ornamental finish is nowhere conspicuous.

Nearly all the work for the rolling stock and structures belonging to the 3,843 miles of railroad comprising the Chicago & Northwestern system is done at the Chicago shops. Few railroad companies are provided with equal facilities for turning out work quickly and well. Like most other great railroads, however, that have been formed from a number of small lines, this company started out with poor shops in crowded quarters, and the machinery department struggled for years with the inconveniences of shops in the heart of Chicago, planned for one-tenth the work they were required to do. By the year 1873, the inconvenience of the old shops was becoming so expensive that the company purchased 250 acres of land on the side of the track on the Galena Division, five miles out from the terminals, where the present shops were built two years later. A respectable-sized town has grown up on the prairie around the shops.

The shops consist of about twenty distinct buildings arranged on a preconceived plan, in a rough parallelogram alongside of ample sidings that border the main track. Going to the extreme western part of the yard, we found that part was devoted to the storage of lumber and rough material. All material enters the shops at that end, and the plan is to work it toward the east as it is moved eastward. The extreme western building is the lumber-drying kilns, which are capable of drying 50,000 feet of lumber a day, but are seldom required to turn out that quantity. Next is the planing mill, which an enthusiastic foreman averred was the most complete shop of the kind west of Pittsburgh; Pullman accepted, he emphatically added. While going round these shops we were several times impressed with the confident way that workmen expressed or implied the belief that the Chicago & Northwestern Railway was the best railroad in creation, and the Chicago shops ahead of any thing in their line. We could conscientiously agree with them about the shops. In making a most thorough examination of the wood-working machinery, we were under obligation to Mr. Wm. Campbell, the Master Car-Builder, and his principal foreman, Mr. G. L. Irwin, for patiently-made explanations of how complex wood-working operations were performed.

On entering the planing mill, which is a two-story building, 80 x 308 feet, one of the first machines which attracts our attention is a planer that takes in a rough timber, 8 x 8 inches, and 34 feet long, and finishes all the sides in one minute. The timber is passed along to another

machine, where the tenons are cut, the holes bored for joint bolts, and the ends sawed off within another minute. The machine that performed the latter series of operations was one of the wonderful products of the J. A. Fay & Co. Works, that seem to do the work of an army of skilled carpenters, and do it with an accuracy that few hands can equal. From witnessing the great variety of machines doing wood-finishing work in this building, we were puzzled to see what was left in the way of hand work.

In enumeration of the machinery of the building looks like a tool-dealer's catalogue. In the matter of saws alone, the shop has a bewildering variety. We noted down the presence of 3 hand saws, 1 scroll saw, 1 cross-cut adjustable saw that could be made to work on any required level. There were 4 circular saws that made pretense to no exclusiveness in their operations, but tore open any kind of timber that came along. There was 1 plain cross-cut saw, 4 cross-cut swing saws, 5 rip saws and 1 large swing saw for scrap work that is in the habit of raising no objection to cutting spikes and bolts, with an old axle-box thrown in occasionally. The saw list closed with a saw-filing machine with capabilities of teeth-regenerating that would make a dentist yellow with envy, its work being supplemented by the action of a saw-grinding machine. There are two Daniel planning and a variety of other kinds of planers, besides numerous mortising, tenoning, shaping and molding machines. There are many turning lathes in the shop, and different kinds of boring machines and gainers. In short, it is a shop furnished with all kinds of the latest designed wood-working machinery, adapted for car-building operations.

We were shown some very handsome specimens of veneering work by Mr. Irwin, who claimed to be the first man in the West to make veneers for car work. A great portion of the ornamental work put upon the passenger cars is done in the shops, some of the workmen displaying fine artistic taste in their productions. We saw some elaborate specimens of hand carving which the men were at work upon. All cabinet work and light operations in wood-working are done in the upper story of the planing mill, which is well equipped with the lighter grades of machinery. The pattern making is done there, and the shop is provided with every facility for getting out work promptly.

The planing mill is built parallel to the track and alongside of it another building of the same size stands, which is the iron-working machine shop and the blacksmith shop of the car department. In the machine shop, there are 12 bolt cutters and nut-tapping machines, 8 drill presses, 4 common engine lathes, 6 axle lathes, 3 wheel-boring machines and 1 wheel grinder, besides hydraulic presses, emery wheels and other small tools. Among the axle lathes, we observed two double-headers which were standing idle. This is the condition in which we have found most of the double-headed axle lathes we have seen in various shops.

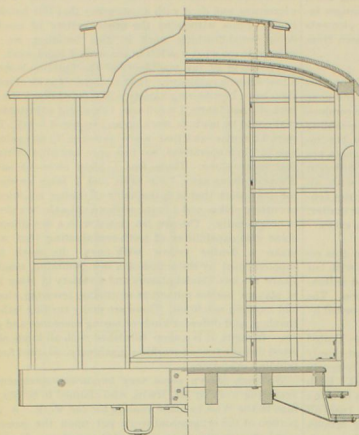
The blacksmith shop is also well provided with power aids to work. There are 16 fires and 2 coke furnaces. Two power shears, 2 punches, 1 trip hammer, and 1 steam hammer are in use. The foreman, Mr. C. C. Neimeister, is a mechanic with advanced ideas, which he applies to facilitate his work. He has numerous formers and labor-saving devices that make this shop more worthy of close inspection than any ordinary run of blacksmith shops. Mr. Neimeister invented and patented many years ago the wrought-iron draw-head used with this yard; and he claims that the Pennsylvania Railroad appropriated it without paying royalty.

Passing eastward from the machine shops of the cars works, we pass in succession five shops, each 302x302 feet, set at right angles to the track and connected by transfer tables or by tracks. These are the car building, repairing, and paint shops. There is not a great deal of work going on for the size of the place, principally because the cars belonging to the road are in unusually good order, and the business does not call for rapid increase by renewals. They have recently turned out a lot of new furniture cars that are 38 feet long over all, 34 feet wide, and 8 feet 5 inches high from sills to bottom of plate. These are the large freight cars that have been built in this district. They are building 16 stock-cars, 30 feet 8 inches long over sills, also some coal-dumps, turn-tables, water-tanks and various articles belonging to road structures. At present the company owns 21,054 cars in all, 581 cars belonging to passenger equipment. Last year rebuilding and repairing cars cost the company \$243,863. The greater part of this vast equipment of cars have got trucks, draw-bars and other parts made according to the recognized standards of the road. It will take some time for this and many other great roads to change to the Master Car-Builders' standards if ever the latter Association reaches a standard truck and draw-bar.

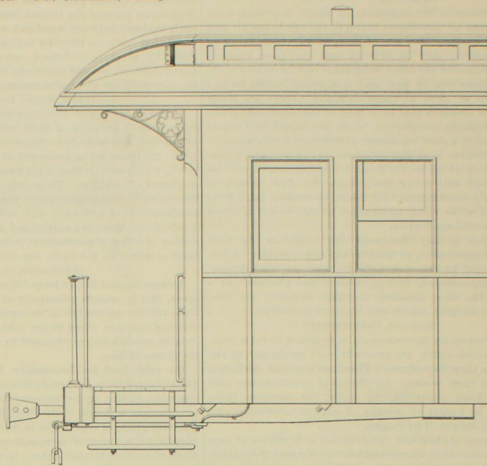
Beyond the car and paint shops, after passing through an open yard, we reach the locomotive machine shop, which is the largest building connected with the establishment and is 120 x 532 feet. It is a single-story building, lighted from roof and sides. The metal-working machinery is placed on one side of the building and the locomotive-repairing stalls on the other side, a standard-gauge track traversing the whole length of the shop. To enumerate the machines would be merely mentioning the names of all the most approved ordinary and special tools now made for locomotive work. In connection with the shop there

NORWEGIAN SECOND-CLASS SLEEPING CAR.

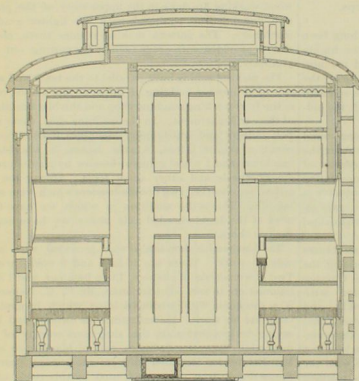
Built at the Skabo Car Works, Christiania, Norway.



End Framing.



Side Elevation.



End View.

is an excellent tool room containing a first-class assortment of standard tools, besides the means of proving that they do not get out of standard size. There is also a good assortment of templates and gauges.

Seventeen locomotives are at present in the machine shop undergoing repairs. In several instances the work being done is almost equivalent to renewal. Three receive new fire-boxes and one a new boiler. Some very heavy repairs were effected on locomotives last year. Seven were rebuilt at a cost of \$42,146. The cost of repairing the whole 672 locomotives belonging to the road was \$849,572.

Norwegian Sleeping Car.

The engravings represent the floor plan, framing and interior arrangement of a Norwegian sleeping car. The blue prints sent us, and especially the photographic views of the interior construction and finish, are of superior excellence as compared with the average specimens of similar work in the United States.

The car, as will be seen, combines the leading features of both English and American construction. The end platforms, central passage-way and buffers, and continuous floor timbers with transoms resting on 4-wheel trucks, are thoroughly American, while the interior is divided into compartments. Eight floor timbers are used forward of the bolsters, two of which take the place of platform or draw-timbers and carry the buffer between them. The other six are framed in the usual way, except the side and end sills, which are put together with angle-irons and mitered joints. The side sills are 41 x 7", and the others 4 x 9". The platform timbers are 31" thick by 84" deep; those at the sides extending only

to the cross-blocks a foot back of the end sill. The timbers carrying the buffer and draw-spring take direct hold of the bolster and appear to be halved on to the end sill. This brings the drawing and buffing strains on a level with the lower edge of the sills. The plate and window-rail in the side framing are of large dimensions. The raised deck has double windows, the intervening space being about 6"—suggesting a cold climate. The truss planks are 2" x 9"; they rest on the floor and are rabbeted to take the inside finish. The corner-posts are composite, being made of three pieces. They are secured to the sills by angle-irons, while the posts are supported by a diagonal rod in the frame, running back apparently to the heavy window-post, another rod beneath the sill transmitting the strain to the bolster.

Although the car is called second-class, the inside finish is in polished wood throughout. Above the heads of the passengers are broad nets, made apparently of white twine, and supported by brackets. Aside from these brackets there is but little polished metal work. The arrangement and size of the seats in the compartments are shown in the plan, the aisle or passage-way being a little to one side. Each compartment seats six persons. There are no upper berths. The wide seats are divided in the center by an upholstered arm, not shown in the cuts. The door-opening is about 25" wide in the clear. The compartments are separated by tongued and grooved partitions. The heating is by stoves suspended underneath the car, from which flues protected by non-conducting material are carried between the floor timbers, as shown in the end view. Ventilation is secured by means of a peculiar double hood shown in section in the side elevation, one to each compartment. The window glass is 17" x 25".

This construction is an interesting example as showing

to what extent two antagonistic systems can be harmonized. The manner in which the wide English seats are carried forward and supported to form the bed, without interfering in any way with their comfortable use during the day, is very ingenious, and might be adopted with advantage on some of our American cars. The strong partitions, bracing roof and sides together, add very materially to the stiffness and strength of the car.

Locomotive Performance on the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway.

During the month of June, this road had 260 locomotives in service on its several divisions. The passenger engines made an average of 4,372 miles, but some individual engines did much more work than these figures represent, five of them running over 7,000 miles during the month. The freight and switching engines ran about 100 miles each day, Sundays included. On the 1st, 3d and 5th Divisions, of which Mr. Robert Curtis is the Master Mechanic, and Mr. John Pontius road foreman of engines, the work was done with an average of 65.7 pounds of coal per train mile. Passenger engines on these divisions used 45.7 pounds per train mile.

On the 3d and 4th Divisions, of which Mr. W. W. Reynolds is Master Mechanic, and Mr. John L. Donaldson road foreman of engines, the average of coal used was 62.5 pounds per train mile, the passenger engines using 49 pounds per train mile.

On the P., C. & St. L. Division, of which Mr. C. B. Street is Master Mechanic, and James Bruce and D. P. Tait foremen of engines, the average coal consumption per train mile was 66 pounds, the passenger engines using an average of 43 pounds.

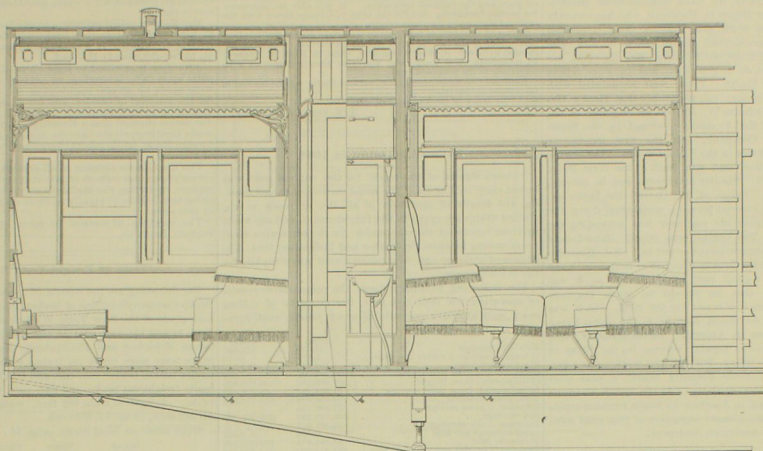
On the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Division, where Mr. Wm. Swanson is Master Mechanic, the average coal consumption per train mile was 46.4 pounds, passenger engines using 35.5 pounds per train mile. Of these, three did their work with less than 30 pounds of coal per train mile. The average passenger train was 3.1 cars. Although the trains on this division were light, they were moved very economically. Few roads in the country can equal the record made.

On the Indianapolis & Vincennes Division, where Mr. Wm. Swanson is Master Mechanic and Mr. James Landers road foreman of engines, the mileage per ton of coal was 43.29, the passenger engines using 36.9 lbs. per train mile.

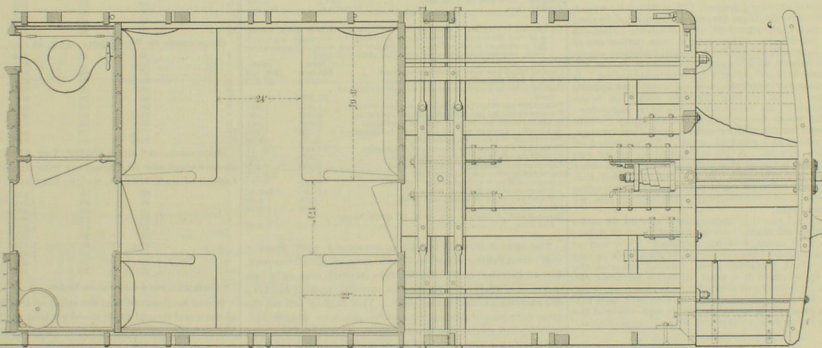
On the Little Miami Division, where Mr. Leroy Kells is Master Mechanic, the average coal consumption was 48.22 pounds per mile for 41 engines. The passenger engines used 39.2 pounds per train mile. Mr. Kells has also charge of the C. & M. V. Division, where on average the locomotives used 33.3 pounds of coal per train mile, the passenger engines using 39.2 pounds.

These divisions are all under the supervision of Mr. Edward B. Wall, Superintendent of Motive Power, who has good reason to be proud of the performance of the locomotives. A very strict account is kept of the coal used, and the engines are closely looked after, so that when extravagance is apparent, it is checked.

These records are taken from the excellently arranged performance sheets prepared by Mr. W. B. Waggoner, motive power clerk.



Section of Compartments.



Plan of Section and Floor Frame

Western Railway Club.

The regular monthly meeting of this club was held at Chicago, August 19, Vice-President Stevens presiding. There were twelve members present.

LUBRICATING LOCOMOTIVE VALVES AND CYLINDERS.

Mr. Angus Sinclair being called upon to open the discussion, spoke of the various methods in use for lubricating locomotive cylinders, and preferred the system where a regular supply of oil is kept up. He thought that the fluctuating style of oiling valves wasted oil by giving a surplus at the time it was put on, and afterward led to waste of power by letting the valves run dry. He had, in running, stalled on a hill and backed to oil the valves, then gone over, which indicated that great power was wasted in operating dry valves. The increase in the size of valves and in the steam pressures carried, demand that a regular supply of lubricant be provided. With that and balanced valves, there would be very little power absorbed in moving the valves.

Mr. Allen Cook had not used any lubricators for cylinders except steam-chests and cab-cups. He was favorably impressed with the sight-feed cups, and wished to hear from some one who had used them.

President Stevens said the Lake Shore road had been putting sight-feed cups on quite largely, and he agreed with Mr. Sinclair as to the advantage of employing that system of lubricating valves. The experience they had had with these cups indicated a saving of from 6 to 10 per cent. over the old way. He believed there was a great deal to be saved, both in the engine's working and in material, by the use of good lubricating devices. They had now 200 or 250 engines equipped with sight-feed cups.

Mr. Cooke asked if they ever had trouble with the cups stopping to feed on the road, and was answered in the negative.

Mr. Verbyck wanted to know what lubricant was generally used for engine valves? On the Rock Island road he believed they used "Perfection valve oil."

Mr. Cooke had used a great many valve oils, but never found anything quite so satisfactory as tallow. It might be better to have the tallow rectified to take out the acid.

Mr. Stevens had never heard anything against tallow, except its corrosive tendency. But he said there is more waste in giving out tallow than with oil.

Mr. Sinclair had found the doctoring of tallow with bicarbonate of soda took away its corrosive action. He found tallow rather better for lubricating cylinders than any kind of oil.

Mr. Toppin said the acid of tallow could not be removed without destroying the lubricant. Many chemists, here and in Europe, had tried to neutralize the acid and had never succeeded.

SEATING OF CARS FOR SUBURBAN TRAFFIC.

Mr. Verbyck described some suburban cars he had built a few years ago with some seats set crosswise in the middle of the car, and the others set along the side. The middle seats were not made reversible. They were practically the same kind as those used on the elevated railroads of New York. When these cars were put into service a great outcry was made against them. The patrons of the road put in a request, to the general manager, that the cars be taken off. The seats were made of rattan, and they found a great deal of fault with that, and also about the middle seats facing each other. The cars were kept running, and he is building three more of the same kind and seating them in the same way, except that in the centre of the car the cross seats are made reversible, so that people will not have to sit facing each other.

Mr. Wilson noticed that on the Illinois Central Railroad, when people began to enter the suburban trains, a rush was always made to get possession of the cross seats. That shows they like them better.

Mr. Verbyck agreed that people liked the cross seats, but this preference could not be deferred to facilitate ingress and egress.

Mr. Patriarche alluded to the inconvenience that some people experience, especially ladies, in riding backward.

It makes them feel sea-sick. As suburban trains were greatly patronized by ladies, he thought their taste in the matter should not be ignored. When seats were made so that they could not be turned over, there was also the likelihood of objectionable people sitting down opposite ladies.

The President asked Mr. Verbyck how rattan seating compares with plush?

Mr. Verbyck said for suburban cars he liked it much better than he did plush. It is easily kept clean and wears well. The cars he had running were turned out in 1881, and he had never yet had to repair the first seat. Some one put a knife through a seat, and he had to fix that, but the seats otherwise are apparently as good as they were the day they were put in. He believed they would wear longer than plush, besides being easily washed off and kept clean. There was no chance for vermin or anything of that kind to get in, and no trouble with dust, as in other seats.

Mr. Tracy had noticed that the doors of the Brooklyn Bridge cars were very wide, so that people got in and out quickly. He wanted to know if the doors and platforms of suburban cars could not be made wider.

Mr. Verbyck said the doors might be made wider, but widening the platforms would not be so easily done, as there would be trouble in keeping them up so the couplings would be on the proper level.

Mr. Patriarche asked if any one had seen cars for suburban traffic with wide sliding doors on the sides, so they could be emptied of passengers quickly.

Mr. Tracy was familiar with the English method of admitting passengers at the sides of cars. He was in London at the time the New York elevated roads were opened, and Englishmen assured him that operating these roads would convince Americans that side doors were necessary for crowded city travel. He doubted the truth of this, and timed about 300 stops on the Metropolitan Railway and found they averaged 18 seconds. On returning home he timed the stops on the New York elevated roads and found they averaged 7 seconds.

The Oldest Locomotive Engineer.

From Mr. P. J. Cochrane, Master of Machinery of the South Carolina Railway, we have learned some particulars about Engineer Henry G. Haworth, who has recently retired from active work after having been connected with the above-named road almost since it was commenced in 1830. For the last 33 years, Mr. Haworth has run a pusher engine on Aiken Hill, and he now retires owing to declining health. Those well acquainted with American railway history will remember that Henry Haworth succeeded Darrell as engineer of the "Best Friend," the first locomotive owned by the South Carolina Railway Company, and the first locomotive built for regular service in the United States. The engine had a vertical boiler, and was built at the West Point Foundry, New York. Shortly after being put in service, and while still in charge of Mr. Darrell, the boiler exploded through the colored fireman weighting down the safety valve lever while the engine was arranging the cars of his train. The engine was rebuilt immediately afterward and a horizontal boiler put in. Mr. Haworth was a machinist with a firm in Charleston that rebuilt the engine, and he did a great part of the work, so it was considered proper that he should be made engineer when the locomotive was ready for the road, which was in 1831. There is no doubt that he is the oldest living locomotive engineer in America. David Matthews, who first ran a locomotive in regular service in the State of New York, is still living, but he was working as a machinist at the West Point Foundry nearly a year when Haworth was running regularly. As the South Carolina Railway was the first in America to begin running trains with locomotives, the pioneer engineers of that road were the pioneers on the American continent.

Efficient Locomotive Service.

Mr. J. E. Phelan, a locomotive engineer running on the Northern Pacific Railroad, writes to the *American Machinist* a letter from which we can get the following: "I run a 40-ton standard engine, 17" x 24", 5 ft. wheel, built at Portland works from dimensions furnished by Geo. W. Cushing, our superintendent of machinery. Running patterns for machinery. This engine was turned out of Brainerd shops, managed by H. Z. Small, assistant superintendent machinery, and his general foreman, James McNaughton, early in April, after a general overhauling. It had soft bearings for journals, and oil cups with spindle feed on engine truck, feeding through center of brass directly on journals, and a general oil pump with regulation eight-feed lubricators for cylinders and air pump; steam jet arrangement for preventing smoke, and other arrangements for comfort and efficient work. No improved oil holes for valve motion. A piece of writing paper can barely be inserted between gibs and guide bars, and other parts are fitted to correspond. In the month of May this engine made 4,135 miles on night passenger run, averaging 30 miles to pint of oil; subtracting illuminating oils we made 37 miles to pint.

"Early in June I ran this engine on a special 64 miles without shutting off steam; another stretch of 66 miles; still another of 70 miles without stopping. In a run of nearly 300 miles between daylight and dark in one day, on arrival at terminal point, having covered the homestretch for 40 miles at a good 50 miles an hour, the engine was as cool and in as good shape as when starting, having made 419 miles out of the whole oil; used no machinery oil in proportion to May average, and covered the returning 218 miles with a little less than 2½ tons of coal."

Trial of Automatic Car Couplers.

We are requested to call attention to the following circular, which supersedes the one dated July 25 and printed in our August number. The corrections made in the new circular are mainly the insertion of the names of J. S. Hammond in place of F. M. Wilder as the receiver of cars at Buffalo, and M. N. Forney, Secretary, New York, in place of F. M. Wilder, Buffalo, as the one to whom statements, etc., are to be sent:

CIRCULAR.

New York, August 1, 1885.
The Executive Committee of the Master Car-Builders' Association, acting in accordance with the general instructions given by the Association at the last Convention, will make a public trial of Automatic Freight Car Couplers at Buffalo, N. Y., on Tuesday, September 15, 1885.

The Executive Committee will be guided by the results of their trial in recommending the use of couplers to the railway companies for further test in actual service. They will watch the behavior of those couplers in use for a month prior to the next Convention of the Association, when they will prepare a report, and may recommend for universal adoption one or more different forms of automatic freight car couplers.

All parties desirous of presenting Freight Car Couplers to the consideration of the Master Car-Builders' Association are invited to participate in this trial.
The following requirements must be complied with:
The couplers must be attached to each end of two freight cars—preferably box cars; both cars must be forwarded, freight prepaid, to J. S. Hammond, Agent New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad, Buffalo, N. Y. Any additional charges for freight, etc., will be charged against the cars before they are pulled home, and should be paid by the owner or party interested in the device. Full drawings and specifications, together with letters patent, and any opinions on the device that may have been given by the Eastern or Western Railroad Association, or by the courts, and also a statement of the numbers and initials of cars equipped with the couplers, should be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Master Car-Builders' Association, care of M. N. Forney, Secretary, 71 Broadway, New York, prior to September 10, 1885.

The committee will not endeavor to investigate the merits of couplers represented only by models, drawings or other descriptions. An improved condition of the trial will be that couplers submitted to the committee must be applied to two cars so that they can be tested at the time and place named.

The Executive Committee is not prepared to assist inventors or owners of patents on car couplers in procuring cars to be equipped with their couplers for trial. Negotiations of this character must be conducted directly between the owners of the couplers and the railroad companies. It will be necessary for parties furnishing cars for this trial to arrange directly with the railroad companies for their return.

Notice of intention to take part in the trial, giving the numbers and initials of the two cars that will be forwarded, should be addressed to Edward B. Wall, Columbus, Ohio, or to M. N. Forney, 71 Broadway, New York, who will also answer inquiries in reference to the proposed trials.

Railroad Commissioners of the various States will be invited to be present at the trial.

By order of the Executive Committee.

M. N. FORNEY, Secretary.

Railroad Operation in 1884.

"Poor's Manual of Railroads" for the current year was issued early in August. The usual statistical tables showing the details of operation of all the railroads in the United States are given in the Introduction, and are made up from reports of the companies for the respective fiscal years ending in June, September and December, 1884. The details of mileage and new construction are complete for the calendar year.

The following summary shows the comparative results of operation for 1883 and 1884, the quantity of rolling stock, and averages per mile of stock, bonds, cost, earnings, etc.

	1884.	1883.
Total line miles	113,129	112,519
Mileage constructed within the year	1,977	4,753
Passenger miles	17,496,000	17,496,000
Gross receipts from passengers	\$206,760,701	\$215,287,284
Freight earnings per mile of road	\$49.80	\$49.80
Gross receipts from other sources	\$1,094,207	\$8,728,405
Decrease in receipts	771,343,000	823,772,924
Decrease in gross receipts	23,088,016	
Net earnings	\$98,108,258	\$96,367,285
Decrease in net earnings per mile of road	\$0.20	\$0.27
Gross earnings per mile	\$0.60	\$0.61
Decrease in net earnings per mile of road	\$0.24	\$0.27
Passengers carried (not inc. N. Y. Elev.)	324,811,529	312,086,941
Passengers car 1 mile	8,778,261	8,241,960,974
Charged per passenger per mile (cents)	2.50	2.42
Tons of freight transported	380,074,740	400,740,440
Tons of freight transported 1 mile	44,732,307,077	44,044,924,443
Average rate per ton per mile of road	0.0004	0.0004
Steady rate in track (miles)	90,540	78,480
Freight earnings per mile of road	\$49.80	\$49.80
Passenger cars	17,093	17,806
Baggage, mail and express cars	5,019	5,019
Freight cars	708,369	748,961

Comparative statement showing the averages per mile of stock, bonds, cost and earnings, percentage of expenses to earnings, earnings per passenger train-mile, and freight train-mile, per passenger-mile, and per tonnage-mile, etc., for 1883 and 1884.

	1883.	1884.
Capital stock per mile of completed road	\$38,004	\$30,750
Bonded debt per mile of completed road	\$5,259	\$5,461
Freight earnings per mile of road in operation	\$49.80	\$49.80
Freight earnings per mile of road in operation	\$49.80	\$49.80
Net earnings per mile of road in operation	\$2.82	\$2.82
Gross earnings per mile of road in operation	\$0.61	\$0.61
Passenger earnings per passenger train-mile	\$1.01	\$1.11
Earnings per passenger train-mile	\$1.01	\$1.11
Earnings per passenger per mile, cents	2.50	2.42
Earnings per ton per mile, cents	1.32	1.32
Average distance per passenger, miles	38.24	37.32
Interest per cent. of bonds and debt	114.69	110.04
Interest per cent. of stock	4.61	4.61
Dividends per cent. of stock	3.32	3.78
Interest and dividends per cent. of stock, bonds and debt	2.48	2.60

The most noticeable results as compared with those of 1883, are a falling off of 10,378,680 tons of freight moved, and an increase of 600,284,332 tons moved one mile; an increase of 23,157,888 passengers carried, and of 237,271, 887 passengers carried one mile. The falling off in the gross earnings of passengers and freight was \$53,088,016, nearly all of which was from freight. It is stated that had the passenger rates for 1883 been maintained for 1884, the earnings from this source would have been \$5,286,532 more than they were, and had the freight rates been maintained in the same way, the earnings from that branch of traffic in 1884 would have been \$50,284,141 more than they were; and had the rates of 1883 been kept up for both passengers and freight, the gross earnings would have been \$56,540,463 more than they were actually received, and \$3,732,447 more than in 1883—a significant contribution to rate wars, competition and "parallel" construction.

Discussing the Rules of Interchange.

A meeting of the Buffalo Master Car-Builders' Club was held at the International Hotel, Niagara Falls, August 12, at which the revised rules governing the interchange of cars were discussed.

Mr. Marden, of the Fitchburg road, was of the opinion that Rule 12, which relates to the splicing of broken or injured cars, is intended more for the protection of the road owning the cars than for the guidance of the inspectors at interchange points; the idea being that the roads owning cars should have the opportunity of refusing to receive their own cars when not properly repaired, or cars from foreign roads. Mr. Kirby, of the Lake Shore road, favored a more liberal construction of the rules, especially where it related to the splicing of cars. It was shown that a number of the roads represented at the meeting had cars with sails spliced at various points between the end sails and the middle, and that one or two of the roads had put splices near the bolsters than 12 inches. The result was a decision in the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that, in the interpretation of Rule 12, inspectors should pass all cars with sails spliced, excepting draw sails, which are done in a workmanlike manner, and for the purpose of the car repairs. It was decided, even if the splice does come nearer than 12 inches of the bolster. This opinion is given for the instruction of car inspectors, and for the government of car repairs. In the repairs of cars Rule 12 must be adhered to.

A lengthy discussion then ensued on the subject of passing cars with defects which do not render the car unsafe

to run, the prevailing sentiment of the meeting being that cars were not used frequently enough, and that freight should be unnecessarily detained at interchange points, which would go forward with cars provided the cars could be safely run.

Mr. Marden called attention to the large number of cars in service with defective brake-wheels, enlarging the lives of trainmen. It was decided that the rules, if lived up to, would remedy this evil.

Attention was called to Rule 17, relating to running repairs on cars belonging to private parties. Inquiries were made by several members as to who is responsible for the renewal of brasses, and for all repairs made on cars belonging to such parties or to private corporations. The discussion showed that a diversity of practice existed, some roads treating private cars the same as those belonging to foreign roads, while others charged all repairs to the owners of the cars.

The unanimous opinion of all present was, that private corporations and owners of private cars should pay for all repairs, including the maintenance of brasses. It was decided to put Rule 17 rigidly in force on and after August 1 of this year.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the Tiff House, Buffalo, Sept. 15.

Tests of Freight-Train Brakes.

The following are the results of tests of the American Brake Company's system of brakes made on the Hackensack grade of the New York, West Shore & Buffalo road, Aug. 14 and 15; and also on the Lehigh Valley road between Metuchen and Phillipsburg, Aug. 17. The West Shore tests were made on trains with steam driver and tender brake, twelve coal cars and two box cars with automatic freight-car brake, and two cars without automatic brake. Length of train 582 feet, weight of train (Aug. 14) 558 tons, (Aug. 15) 335 tons.

Stops made on West Shore, Aug. 14:

No.	Speed.	Time.	Distance.	Grade.	Fr. to mile.
	Miles per hr.	Seconds.	Feet.		
1.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
2.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
3.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
4.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
5.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
6.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
7.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
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10.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
11.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
12.	25	37	666	Level	29.4

Stops made on West Shore, Aug. 15:

No.	Speed.	Time.	Distance.	Grade.	Fr. to mile.
	Miles per hr.	Seconds.	Feet.		
1.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
2.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
3.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
4.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
5.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
6.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
7.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
8.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
9.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
10.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
11.	25	37	666	Level	29.4
12.	25	37	666	Level	29.4

Stops made on Lehigh Valley, Aug. 17: Train same as above except one additional car without automatic brake. Length of train 619 feet, weight 373 tons.

It will be observed that the trials on the West Shore were at the usual freight train speed on that road. The Lehigh Valley tests were mostly at much higher speeds.

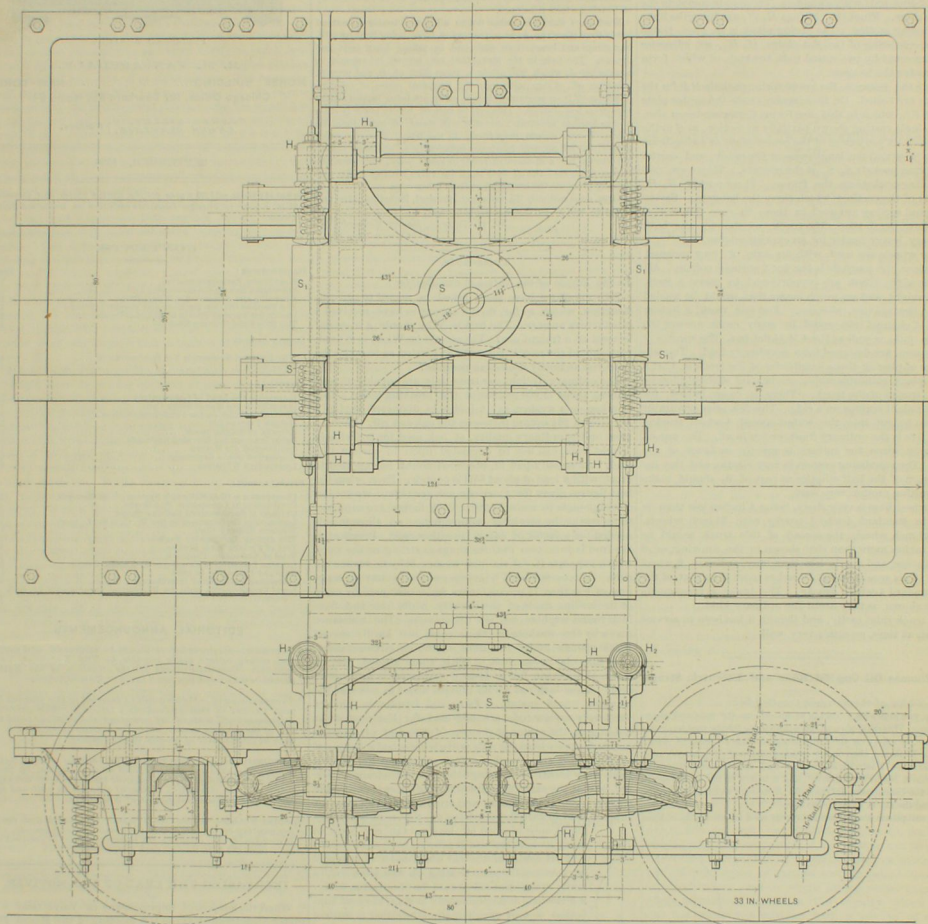
Lagging Locomotive Fire-Boxes and Boiler Heads.

During a recent visit to the excellently managed machine shops of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway at Buffalo, which are in charge of Mr. J. S. Graham, Master Mechanic, we had the opportunity of examining several locomotives that had the sides and ends of their fire-boxes and the boiler-heads lagged to prevent radiation of heat. Mr. Stevens, Superintendent of the shops, explained the method followed in his reply to the request of the committee of the Master Mechanics' Association on "Improvement in Locomotives." A sheet of asbestos is placed next to the hot surface, and over that is put a covering of half felt one inch thick, the whole being kept in place by a sheeting of kalamine or planished iron. Lagging the fire-box and boiler-head has generally been regarded as impracticable, although very desirable, for immense loss of heat results from the surfaces being exposed to the chilling currents that strike them when the engine is in motion. The work of lagging these locomotive fire-boxes and boiler-heads has been very skillfully carried out, and the lagging does not interfere with any of the attachments in the least. The expense of doing the work is reported to be small in comparison with the loss of heat, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Stevens intends applying this simple means of heat saving to all his engines as they go into the shops for repairs.

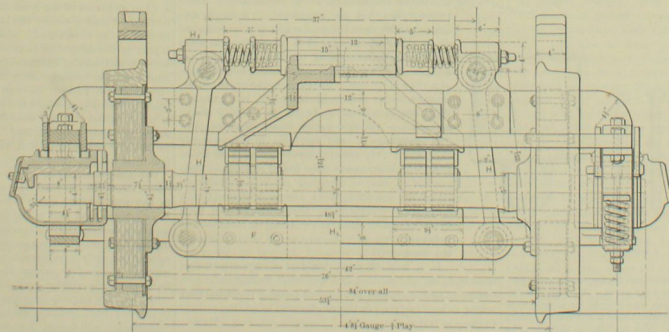
Several Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company have new Chicago consuming locomotives with brick and brick deflector being the principal aids to promote the admixture of the gases necessary for perfect combustion and the prevention of smoke. Mr. Tilton and his assistant, Mr. Scott, are interesting themselves in smoke prevention, and it is the intention to make some changes on fire-boxes with the view of supplying air to the surface of the fire.

SIX-WHEEL EQUALIZED TRUCK,

Designed by Alex. Mitchell (Supt. Wyoming Div. L. & N. Valley R. R.) and Geo. S. Strong, Philadelphia.



Plan and Side Elevation.



Section and End View.

This truck differs in several important points from any other now in use. The elliptic springs in the swing motion are placed parallel to the rails instead of at right angles to them. Two spirals and two half-elliptics are used for equalizing. There are no equalizing bars in the ordinary sense, their place being taken by a pair of

equalizing levers over the top of each box. These are connected to the ends of the half-elliptics by links. The outer ends of the outside pairs are connected to a spiral spring which bears against a pocket on the jaw brace. These levers, which are small and light, are made from 1-inch plate and are 3½ inches wide.

Those at the ends are 20 inches long, but the central pair is but 16. A continuous iron frame is used. In the drawing it is shown as 4 by 1½ inches. This carries a pair of flat safety-bearings set a little inside their usual position. The two transoms cross the truck between the wheels and stand above the level of the frame. A pair of

arch bars of the usual form carry the side bearings. Inside of these are two pairs of castings, $H_1 H_2$, bolted to the transoms. These are connected by a pair of round 2-inch rods with shoulders. These rods complete the truck frame. From the castings $H_1 H_2$ are hung the links of the swing motion. The spring-plank is an open frame of iron, consisting of two flat plates, $H_3 H_4$, set edgewise and connected by two round rods, the ends of which form the pins for the hangers.

Inside the hangers, the lower spring pockets P for the elliptics are bolted. On these springs rests the center-plate casting $S S$, which in this case forms the swing-beam also. It is a single casting shown partially in section, at S in the end view. A projection of the center-plate or swing-beam casting is carried out lengthwise of the truck, and carries four spring pockets $S_1 S_2$ at the corners. There are corresponding pockets on the frame. These pockets $H_1 H_2$ are part of the castings which carry the hangers. Seven-inch spiral springs are used in these to ease the motion and the shocks. The truck, as shown, was built for a very heavy tender for an express engine.

Paper wheels are used, with an axle of very unusual proportions, the journals being 4×8 without collars. All portions of the truck are proportioned to carry a very heavy weight, and are much larger than would be needed even on the heaviest sleepers. For car work, a lighter frame of channel iron would in many cases answer the purpose quite as well as the 4×14 flat bar. The springs, it will be seen, are designed for a very heavy load. The advantage of placing them lengthwise of the truck is, that a quadruple or quintuple spring can be used without increasing the spread of the truck. There is room, indeed, for seven or eight springs on a side. This is a greater number than can be got into the widest-spread 4-wheel trucks, where five is the ordinary limit, or ten in all. The unusually large space for springs is greatly in favor of the truck. The equalizing spring is very elastic, and the introduction of the half-elliptics as part of it, should make the resulting motion very easy.

The wheel base is very short, being 4 inches less than is usual in standard 4-wheel trucks with 33-inch wheels. With 42-inch wheels, the spread of this truck would be but 18 inches more than that shown in the drawing, or 8 feet 2 inches, and much less than any ordinary 6-wheel truck. This would be but 14 inches more than that of the best standard 4-wheel trucks. The brake arrangements are not shown, as they are of the ordinary kind.

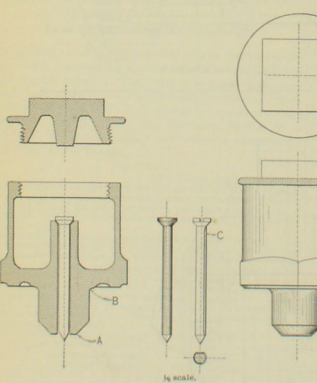
The truck rides easily, and though it has been in service but a short time, promises very well.

The Thomas Oil Cup for Rods and Eccentric Straps.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builders:

I send you herewith a tracing of oil cup for rods and eccentric straps. This style of cup I have been using for the past ten years with success; first on the Philadelphia & Erie Division of Pennsylvania Railroad, then on low-grade division of Allegheny Valley Railroad, then Nashville & Decatur and Henderson divisions of Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and it is now in use on the entire line of the Chesapeake & Ohio and Kentucky Central railroads, including the E. L. & B. S. Division.

You will please notice that the feeder used is nothing more than



a No. 12 screw blank, which can be had of the American Screw Co., Providence, R. I., at 75 cents per gross. All that is necessary is to file off the edge of the head, as shown by the sketch, so as to reduce the area, for when the whole head is allowed to remain the plunger will not act properly. The flat side on plunger is to allow any dirt or sediment that may be in the oil to pass through and prevent the feeder from sticking. The lift which is about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch is governed by the fit in cup, all of which should be made the same length, so that cups can be interchangeable. You will also notice that the threaded end which screws into strap is made conical to prevent the oil from passing out from feeder to thread in strap, then following it down to underside of strap, thence between strap and brasses (more especially when there is

lost motion between strap and brasses), thence between strap and stub end, or down along flanges of brasses and then throw off. By using the cone-shaped end the oil will naturally fall to point A and cling to point of feeder, and consequently be thrown directly on bearing where it belongs.

Much care should be taken not to allow the feeder to extend lower than the strap, so as to prevent it from being bent by pulling strap and brass from stub end in taking down rods and brasses. The hole in the strap that cup screws into should be counterbored, which will allow a large pin at B, and prevent breaking off of cup, although the principal cause of oil cups breaking off is on account of hole in strap not being tapped square to face on top of strap. This can be noticed before lower portion of cup touches the strap; one side will stand off more than the other. Feeder should fly freely in the hole. This cup, when properly fitted up, will lubricate sufficiently an ordinary crank pin journal for a distance of 1,200 to 1,500 miles, and when the engine is at rest the oil feed stops by valve seating itself, and thereby prevents the loss of oil from other cups.

These cups cost only 35 cents each, finished, including labor and material, and all parts are interchangeable.

W. H. THOMAS, Master Mechanic,
Ches. & Ohio Ry.

Truss-Rods.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builders:

Two questions have been asked in regard to car construction, which, so far, do not appear to have received a satisfactory answer. The first is, Why should a truss-rod be used on a freight car? The second is, When it is used, why should the needle-beams be so located as to make the truss-rod as nearly useless as possible?

The ordinary freight-car truss-rods are capable of sustaining about 75,000 pounds at the breaking point. This is taken on a washer, say 6 inches in diameter, having a net area of 26½ square inches on the oak end sill. Such an area, on the ordinary quality of oak used for end sills in freight cars, can not be depended upon to sustain this load. As usually put in, the wood might be expected to crush with a load of about 35,388 pounds. Even when the best figures given for American oak are taken, we get but 33,000 pounds to resist 75,000. Both figures are supposed to represent the breaking strains, hence no allowance is needed for a factor of safety in either case. Practically, the iron is from two to three times as strong as the wood which supports it. A six-inch washer is by no means the rule. Square washers, 3 inches on a side, having a net area of less than 7½ square inches, have been used by some of the leading roads of the country, while four and five-inch round washers are not uncommon. The resistance given by the washers in these cases can hardly exceed 10,000 pounds under the most favorable circumstances, and may be even less. With such absurd proportions, the reason for a 14-inch truss-rod is difficult to find. A one-inch rod would provide about as much as the washers would sustain. Two, and frequently four, of these very useless rods are provided for the purpose of holding up the center of the car. Instead of placing the needle-beams where the rods will give the body the most support, they are spread six feet apart and the saddles made very short. This brings the greatest strain on the rod, and at the same time gives very little support to the car. The needle-beams and truss-rod saddles give no support, and in case the car drops on the road-bed, they are at once cleaned off, leaving the car body to carry its load the best it can.

The center of the car could have the support of the needle-beams resting on the truss-rod, a really substantial aid would be obtained in carrying the load. As commonly put in, the load supported is only one-fifth the strain that is thrown upon the rod. One part of the structure is four times as strong as it need be, while the washers, manifestly the weakest point, are at such a disadvantage that they are subjected to a strain five times greater than the load which is producing the strain. The advantages of a central needle-beam have been demonstrated in more than one instance. The figures are not at hand, but the gain is a very large one. In practice, the truss-rod becomes actually more useless than it is in theory. With contract work, and even in railway shops, green oak is the rule rather than the exception. The shrinkage of the end sills is consequently excessive; this relieves the washers and truss-rods, which are commonly found so loose in their saddles as not to occasion remark. Truss-rods which are not doing work are to be found in the majority in freight cars. On passenger cars it is by no means an unheard-of thing to find that the rods are doing no work at all, but only increasing the dead weight.

It is held by many builders of experience, that truss-rods are not needed in a well-built freight car. Unless some better method is found of putting them in, they might as well be lying in the stock room as adding weight to the car body.

MAX.

On Saturday, August 8, the day of Gen. Grant's funeral, the New York elevated roads carried a total aggregate of 400,076 passengers. On the day of the opening of the East River Bridge, 389,501 were carried. These are the two heaviest days' traffic since the lines were opened.



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INCREASING THE LEAD OF LOCOMOTIVES.

When the subject of Improvement in Valve Gear was under consideration at the last meeting of the Master Mechanics' Association, Mr. Setchell brought out what we regard as a very important discussion, by asking whether or not the members of the Association generally regarded the increase of lead given by the link motion as being detrimental to the working of a high speed locomotive? The report on the subject of improvements in valve gear consisted principally of extracts from letters received from American and foreign master mechanics and superintendents of motive power. Several of the latter adverted to the increase of lead where the sliding link was employed, as a recognized evil, and described the means they had followed to obtain constant lead. A point of merit claimed for the Joy motion was that the lead is constant at all points of cutoff.

The American master mechanics were not disposed to admit that constant lead was an advantage, or desirable in any way for high speed locomotives. A great many of the members took part in the discussion, and most of them speaking from personal experience, gave reason for favoring the link, which increases the lead at the time early release and early compression are desirable. With a slow running locomotive, where the steam is admitted, say, during half the stroke, very little lead is necessary, for with ordinary engines the exhaust will return early enough to prevent back pressure during the return stroke; and compression will not part in the discussion, and most of them speaking from personal experience, gave reason for favoring the link, which increases the lead at the time early release and early compression are desirable. 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from a stopping point, or of pulling hard on a long hill. High speed locomotives provided with valve gear that keeps the lead constant at all points of cutoff always require to have the valves set with what would be regarded as excessive lead at full gear in a shifting-link engine. In fact, to get engines of that kind to do their work properly, it is generally necessary to give them nearly as much constant lead as a well designed shifting-link engine reaches when hooked up to cut off at eight inches. This excessive lead must be detrimental to the working of the engine when pulling on level roads, or at places where the steam has to be worked half-stroke. There are so few engines at work in this country with constant lead, that it is a difficult matter getting an opportunity of making the indicator tests that would show the truth of our assertion; but we are satisfied if any engineer will make the tests that he will find our position correct.

The burden of testimony given by master mechanics who had had experience with engines having constant lead was, that they could not make running time on fast trains. This appeared a little paradoxical at first, considering the fact that constant lead is the prevailing motion used in Britain, where the fastest trains in the world are run. But Mr. W. H. Thomas, of the Chesapeake & Ohio road, offered a very simple explanation. He reminded the members that although trains were run fast where motion with constant lead was in use, the driving wheels were very large, which admitted of a slow piston speed.

The necessity for magnified lead and early compression is no doubt more dependent upon the number of revolutions made per minute than upon the velocity of train progression. A common driving wheel diameter of high speed British locomotives is 7 feet. An engine with this size of wheels makes 190 revolutions per minute when running at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The most common size of driving wheels used on American passenger locomotives is 5 feet diameter. While running at 40 miles an hour, an engine of that kind makes 233 revolutions per minute. With a stroke of 24 inches, the average piston speed of the former locomotive is 640 per minute, while the piston speed of the latter is 592 feet per minute. As the piston must stop twice during each revolution, the large wheel entails 5.33 stops per second, and the small wheel 7.43 stops per second. The work stored in the piston and its attachments at the period of its increase of velocity, or at the time the crank-pin is passing the quarter, is very great, and is proportionately greater in the engine with the small wheel than in that with the large one. The maximum velocity of the latter will be 1,070 feet per minute, and of the former 1,408 feet per minute. The work stored in the inertia of the piston must be calculated for the moment it has attained its maximum velocity. A speed of 1,408 feet per minute is 28.4 feet per second. reckoning the weight of the piston to be 500 pounds, we have $\frac{500 \times 28.4^2}{2} = 4180$ foot-pounds. This quantity of foot-pounds is accumulated and expended twice during each stroke, or 446 times per minute, and amounts to $4180 \times 446 = 56$ horse-power.

The engine with the large wheel and comparatively slow moving piston, has to do much less piston inertia power. The highest speed is 1,076 feet per minute, or 17.6 feet per second. Figured by the same rule as the other, this represents 23 horse-power. These figures indicate that the small wheeled American engine has not only to make its strokes much oftener than a large wheeled engine, but it has to reduce the speed of the reciprocating parts in much greater velocity, therefore greater compression is required to transfer part of the work represented by the piston momentum over to the succeeding stroke. With the restricted port opening inseparable from the use of the link motion, there would be a very sudden fall of pressure in the cylinder as the piston springs away from the head at the beginning of the stroke, unless lead provides ample opening for early admission. Whether or not the small wheeled locomotive is an economical motor for pulling a high speed train may be an open question, but few men who have handled such engines, will doubt the wisdom of providing them with a motion that increases lead and compression at the time fast running is required.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING ON CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES.

Electric lighting continues to progress slowly in its application to various departments of railroad equipment. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company continue to run a train between Altoona and Pittsburgh, lighted by electricity supplied by storage batteries that are charged by dynamo run in the machine shops at Altoona. The system is more expensive than gas, but it is considered a more desirable light, and it is proved perfectly reliable as worked under the system on trial, it will receive extended application by the company.

The Great Northern Railway, of England, has recently been running a train lighted by electricity, which is also supplied from storage batteries carried on the train, but with the difference that the batteries are being constantly charged by dynamo machines driven from the axles of the cars. This is also an experimental train, but the work

has been done in a way that promises permanent success.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company are reported to have contracted for the equipment of all their passenger locomotives with electric head-lights, subject to their full filling certain conditions to be decided by tests. One engine has been running with the light, and its brilliancy attracted great attention, but its use has for the present been discontinued owing to objections raised by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, over whose line the Lehigh Valley train runs into Jersey City. The electricity that supplies the light to this head-light is generated by a dynamo run by a small rotary engine, the machine being fastened to the running-board. The wires are insulated with rubber, and it is the intention to place them inside the hand-rail, where they would be beyond the danger of contact with any thing that might lead to an accident. The light itself is 2,000 candle-power. It swings on pivots, and the points are kept to their places by a special form of electric feed which is said to prevent flickering.

Many electricians have for years been striving to produce a successful electric head-light, but it has generally been found that the jars and vibration of the engine while running soon destroyed the delicate apparatus that regulated the light. The first success in overcoming this difficulty was achieved by Mr. Sellacek, an Austrian telegraph officer. In 1881, after five years of incessant labor, he succeeded in obtaining a good, steady light that was not disturbed by the vibration. He employed a Gramme dynamo driven direct by a Brotherhood motor, which was run at from 700 to 800 revolutions per minute, and was controlled by an automatic regulator. The light was of the incandescent type, and the expenditure of between three and four horse-power.

RETURNS OF ROLLING STOCK.

The figures in Poor's Manual of last year show an increase of rolling stock on all the roads in 1883, of 1,709 locomotives, 388 passenger cars, 383 baggage and mail express cars, and 38,310 freight cars; while the figures in the Manual of this year show an increase in 1884, of 764 locomotives, 94 passenger cars and 49,738 freight cars, and a decrease of 37 baggage, mail and express cars. This is a comparative decrease in 1884, of 945 locomotives, 2,348 passenger cars, 545 baggage, mail and express cars, and an increase of 1,398 freight cars. Under all the circumstances, the greatest degree of accuracy can be expected in the returns of rolling stock upon which these figures are based. In view of the fact that a vast number of freight cars have been reported as standing idle for many months past, it is hardly credible that nearly 50,000 new freight cars were added to the equipment in 1884, exclusive of the new ones required to replace those that have been worn out or destroyed, and also in view of the statement in the Manual that the tons of freight transported in 1884 were 10,578,690 less than in 1883. That the passenger equipment should have been increased during the year less than a hundred cars is very probable, and it may be that 764 new locomotives were put in service, which is considerably less than half the increased number reported for 1883.

DIVERSITY IN THE SIZE OF STOCK CARS.

For some time past there has been a great deal of trouble among Northwestern roads about the carrying of live stock. There is disagreement among the various roads about the share each company receives of this business, and there is want of harmony about the running of the trains. At present each road makes much time as it chooses, some running faster trains than others, which causes some heartburning. It is found impossible to induce the roads to come to an agreement about this matter of speed; and the action of some of the roads in equipping stock cars with the air brake, that the trains may be run on passenger train time, may even result in the cutting of rates by the roads which are afraid of getting left. Another very complicated question about this conflicting business is the size of cars. The stock cars are being longed to the various roads are very diverse in size, varying in length from 26 to 34 feet. As the freight for live stock is based on the car load, and a large car can take more steers than a small one, the shippers display a persistent preference for owning the largest cars. The action of argument will convince them that they ought to divide their patronage evenly among the competing roads. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that some of the competing roads are making all their new stock cars "moguls," as the largest size is called. If business is conducted long in the way it is going at present, there will be remarkable activity in the building of stock cars.

This system of transporting stock by the car load, irrespective of the carrying capacity of the car, is entirely wrong, and all the roads concerned are interested in having the practice changed. Efforts ought to be made to have live stock carried by weight, or according to the amount of room provided. Neither plan would present to a just and equitable way of doing business. An agreement might easily be arrived at about charging rates according to the capacity of the car, or it would be even better to charge for weight of stock. Good weighing scales are so abundant that there ought

to be no difficulty in weighing the animals before they enter or after they leave a car. Unless a settlement is reached on some common-sense basis of this kind, the cause of the disputes is going to increase. The movement toward increasing the capacity of cars is a silly, willful agreement to change the rolling stock for the purpose of aiding in a cover reduction of rates. It will avail nothing in the way of bringing about uniformity, for those who first came out with the 34 feet cars will not hesitate to again increase the size if it will enable them to overreach their competitors for a season.

CABLE TRACTION FOR ELEVATED RAILROADS.

The article of Angus Sinclair on the Work of Operating Elevated Railroad Trains, which was published in our July number, has elicited quite a good deal of discussion in the technical press and among railroad mechanical men. The general opinion appears to be that the experiments gave a correct estimate as to the amount of work that had to be done. In several instances exception is taken to some parts of the article, but the general conclusions are not disputed. *The Street Railway Journal* thinks, assuming the figures to be correct, "that there is ample reason for looking into the cable system for the slackly elevated railroads of New York." We do not think such a change advisable. An indispensable requirement of a railroad performing traffic of the kind done by sub-urban and elevated roads is punctuality in the running of trains. The public will insist that trains of this kind shall be operated in the manner that provides the most regular service, and the elevated New York elevated roads by cable traction, it would be necessary to keep the cables running at the maximum speed of the trains, which is about thirty miles an hour. Engineers connected with existing cable roads, where the speed is about ten miles an hour, say that it would be impracticable to operate trains with a cable running thirty miles an hour, or that the wear and tear would be enormous. Where cable traction is used, the speed is not increased, breakages that cause several hours' stoppage of the cable are by no means uncommon. The city of New York would be in a great tumult if the Elevated Railroad Company were operating the Third Avenue line by cable, and a break occurred at 4 o'clock P. M., that could not be repaired in less than three hours. There are numerous other objections to cable traction for rapid suburban transit, but as there is no probability of the system being applied to moderately high-speed trains, there is no use in discussing it.

MAKING FIGURES LIE.

Unless it be among men of an extravagantly skeptical turn of mind, the axiom that figures can not lie is received as an infallible truth worthy to rank with demonstrated mathematical facts. Yet it is amazing to reflect how frequently the veracious figures that record the results of accurate mechanical experiments are made to parallel the audacity of Munchausen literature. In all departments of mechanical work devices are constantly being offered, for application that are guaranteed to save all or some part of five to fifty per cent., and when a test is made, the inventor or generally demonstrates that his claims can be proved. Railroads are regarded as a particularly promising field for the operations of parties owning patent appliances designed to save money where saving seems impossible. There is scarcely a road in the country where a man can not succeed in proving that a saving of ten per cent. will follow the adoption of any device he may have for sale, if he goes about the business in the proper manner. This is how so many trials have been made of patent valves, grate bars, spark arresters, smoke consumers and other attachments of locomotives, and how so little good has resulted from the use of appliances that promised so much. An inventor or agent goes to a master mechanic and talks up the merits of his device. Master mechanic, not at all generally zealous to try patented devices, and the agent goes to a friend who has some influence with the management and gets an order to have the device tried entirely on its merits. It is placed on an engine that has been running on a certain train where there are good means of showing the coal used before and after the test. Before the device was put on, the engineer and fireman worked away in an apathetic manner, not wasteful nor careless about the way the engine was worked. But when the new device is put on, they are placed upon their best behavior, and the engine is worked to the very best advantage, so that there is no difficulty about making an apparent saving of ten per cent. On an Eastern railroad, where a very careful record of the fuel consumed is kept, and which is required to try new devices, it is well known that during the continuance of recorded tests a saving of from ten to twenty per cent. of fuel will result. It makes little difference what the device may be. One month it may be a smoke consumer; next month, an electric signal. Both will have about the same effect upon the coal pile, but the officers of the road know how it is produced, and what the result would be if the appliance were adopted as a permanent attachment to the locomotive.

All roads are not situated so that the officers can tell

just how the apparent saving comes round, and many appliances that have afterward proved worthless, have been practically forced upon mechanical departments through the unreliable figures gotten as a result of comparative tests of the kind described. There is, of course, something radically wrong in methods of operating that will admit of apparent saving when special inducements arise for working economically. If a man can save ten per cent. of his coal or other supplies under inducements to work economically, he ought to be caused to keep up the effort which produces the best results. The premium system of coal-using inaugurated on some divisions of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's lines, is said to have produced remarkable results in the way of fuel saving. Although considerable outlay is required to put the system in operation, it is doubtful if any improvement applied to railroad operating of late years, has paid so well. From what we have seen of the system at work, we feel assured that putting in a new spark arrester or other patented device, would not make any perceptible difference in the coal consumption of these engines, unless there were real merit in the article; for the men are already doing their best to work cheaply. The leading merit of the coal premium system is, that its stimulating impetus to make a good economical record never relaxes. Fuel accounts are kept so loosely on many roads that actually no check exists upon the men who are habitually wasting coal. Where no check exists on the evil-doer, the man who labors to make a good record receives no credit for his efforts. Consequently, the tendency is to make all engineers indifferent about the quantity of coal they use, their only care being to get over the road comfortably with their trains. It is human nature for men to feel that way, and engineers are really not so much to blame as the higher officers who keep to chaotic methods that have a demoralizing tendency.

UNGUARDED GRADE CROSSINGS.

Accidents at grade crossings are so common that they excite little public attention, even when the results are most horrible and sickening, and the lack of the means of prevention the most inexcusable and flagrant. The one which occurred near Summit, N. J., on the 4th of August, was more heart-rending in its fatality than this class of accidents usually are, resulting as it did in the death of three women and an infant, the severe injury of another woman and child, and indirectly in the death of one man. To recite the details would be merely a repetition of the old threadbare story—an unguarded highway crossing—train close at hand, on time, and running fast; freight cars on a siding preventing engineer from seeing a carriage on the crossing full of women and children, until he was within fifty feet of it; collision unavoidable; mangled bodies and limbs; instant death of two of the victims, and lingering torture and death of two others.

It would perhaps be unfair to single out the road upon which this terrible destruction of human life occurred as being more culpable than scores of other roads with long equally unguarded and dangerous, but which from sheer luck have not had accidents of this kind every week or month. The usual warning to "Look out for the Locomotive," is not sufficient to shield a road from responsibility and transfer it to the victims who failed to heed the sign, bell, or whistle. The safety of women and children, or of any body, in fact, who has occasion to drive a vehicle across a track, should not be left to their own prudence, but should be protected against their own lack of judgment, and in such a way as to make collisions at crossings next to impossible. In Europe this is done very effectively by having, with rare exceptions, no level crossings at all, and in every exceptional case they are constantly guarded. In this country these level crossings are the rule, and a great many of them in towns and cities where the street traffic is large and trains numerous, are so extremely dangerous as to excite the surprise of foreigners. As examples, we may cite certain crossings in Newark and Elizabeth, N. J., as they were a few years ago, when accidents were of almost daily occurrence, but which have been almost entirely prevented by means of gates and vigilant flagmen. A mere signal can not prevent any one from driving on a track if he is disposed to do so. A flagman must stop him, or a barrier of some kind must be interposed to keep him off.

The indifference of the public and of railroad companies to the exposed condition of the tracks of steam roads almost every where, and especially in many large towns, is something almost phenomenal, and can only be accounted for on the theory that it has always been so, and every body has got used to it. Were statistics of this class of accidents attainable with any approach to accuracy, even railroad men would be startled at the large number of deaths and personal injuries that result therefrom. With limited capital, and long lines to construct, we have been too eager in the past to realize the advantages as quickly and as cheaply as possible without giving due attention to the necessary safeguards for the protection of human life. The interests of railroad companies themselves would seem to be a sufficient incentive to guard against these accidents in every practicable way, but the responsibility for the neglect which has hitherto prevailed rests primarily with the law-making power, in its failure to

enforce the use of the proper means of prevention. Some ten years ago, the subject of highway grade crossings was brought to the attention of the Legislatures of New York and Massachusetts, and more recently of Connecticut, but so far as we are aware, without the enactment of any very effective legal regulations for mitigating the evil.

THE CAR COUPLER PROBLEM.

The circular of the Executive Committee of the Car-Builders' Association relating to a trial of car couplers, which appeared in our August issue, was received barely in time for insertion without editorial comment. We now republish the circular with some changes subsequently made in it by the committee, and to which we are requested to call the attention of our readers.

In view of the inaction of the committee last year, in disregard of the instructions of the Association to issue a circular setting forth a plan for making tests and raising money to defray expenses, their prompt action under the resolution adopted this year at the annual Convention at Fortress Monroe is worthy of commendation. The committee are empowered by this resolution to make a public trial of couplers, employ experts and solicit the co-operation of railroads in the work. The trial will be made at Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 15, under certain prescribed conditions which are highly practical, and can hardly fail to result in the selection of such limited number of couplers as shall prove most satisfactory in their performance. The couplers so selected will then be recommended to the railroad companies for further tests in actual service, such tests to be continued until next May, when the committee will prepare a report, and may recommend one or more automatic freight car couplers for general adoption.

This looks like business; although the committee do not commit themselves positively, inasmuch as they can not know beforehand whether the trials at Buffalo or afterward on the roads, will develop any devices worthy of universal adoption. If the committee shall decide to make no recommendations when next June comes round, they will doubtless give some very satisfactory reasons therefor. It must be admitted that the difficulties in the way of a square and positive recommendation of "one or more freight car couplers" are very great, but it is no small matter to get the problem into its present shape by the weeding-out process which has been going on in one way or another since the Legislatures of certain States began to take action on the subject a year and a half ago. Legislators and railroad commissioners very naturally attach great weight to any discrimination made by the Car Builders' Association as to the merits of couplers, the members of which are supposed to know more about them than any body else, and to be capable, therefore, as practical experts, of indicating what legislation, if any, is expedient for the protection of the men who handle and couple cars.

TESTING THE PROPOSED STANDARD FREIGHT-CAR TRUCK.

We are informed that Mr. G. W. Rhodes, Superintendent of Motive Power of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, has, with the approval of the management of the road, addressed to each master mechanic under his supervision a letter in regard to making some tests with the standard truck recommended by the committee of the Master Car-Builders' Association. The letter directs each master mechanic to make a requisition for a set of the new trucks, and says: "This is a new design submitted by the M. C. B. truck committee at the last annual convention. The Association, before adopting it, recommended that the members get some of the proposed trucks built and put in actual service, in order to report results at the next annual convention. Get these trucks into service as soon as possible, and carefully watch their running, especially in regard to repairs, and make me a full report in the course of seven or eight months. Put the trucks under an engine tank subject to severe freight service. The trucks have been ordered built on a general account requisition, in order that we may have their cost accurately."

This is a most timely action for which the management deserve the thanks of every railroad company interested in the adoption of standards, and we trust others will follow the good example and have trucks of the pattern recommended built and put in service long enough to demonstrate their general utility before the next annual meeting of the Association.

LOCOMOTIVE WHISTLING.

We are not surprised at the recent action on the part of the citizens of Lawrence, Mass., in petitioning the railroad commissioners of that State to curtail the unrestricted use of the locomotive whistle within the city limits. One of the commissioners is a practical locomotive engineer, and he is almost certain to favor the cause of the citizens, for he must know from personal experience that the greater part of whistling done by engineers is unnecessary and in many cases perilous. The laws of the several States are to blame for the great amount of whistling that is going on all over the country. The statutes of many States require the locomotive whistle to be sounded at a great many places, and the men get into

the way of thinking that the oftener they whistle the more conscientiously they are doing their duty. In early railroad days, when the train was not under control of the engineer, frequent use of the whistle was a necessity, but the inventions that have given the engineer power to stop the train at will, have changed all this. It is doubtful if to-day, the locomotive whistle is not the direct cause of more serious accidents to life and property than are balanced by saving from its use, and it is certainly the cause of much discomfort and suffering to invalids and nervous persons. Some engineers get utterly demoralized in the way they handle the whistle lever. The louder they can make the whistle scream the better pleased they are, and repeat the operation the oftener and keep the yell up the longer. American citizens are most patient and long-suffering of abuses that are carried on under the protection of law, and in no instance have they exhibited their extraordinary forbearance so much, as in doing nothing to suppress the whistling nuisance.

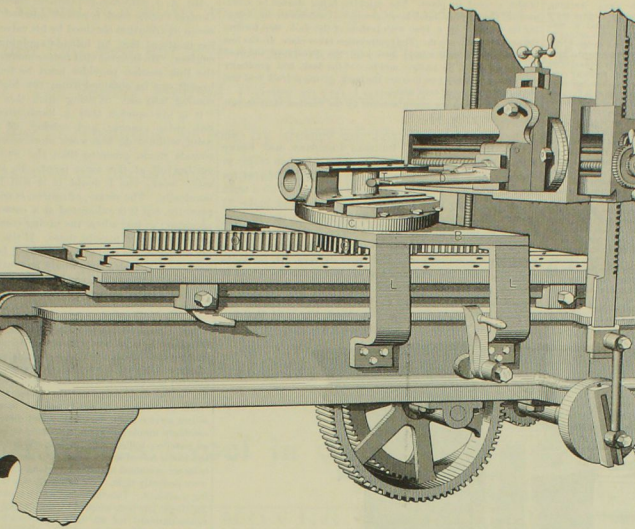
COMPRESSED AIR MOTORS.

We regret to learn that the Steiny Piano Company, which have been using compressed air to run their street cars on the Astoria Street Railroad, have not found that economical power, and have determined to abandon its use. There is something curious in the history of applying compressed air to locomotive purposes. For the last twenty years, the particulars of highly successful tests of motors using compressed air have been published, plain calculations have been made demonstrating that this method of applying power was certain to put horses off street railroads and clean locomotives off surface roads. There is no arguing against the merits, but the question when the air motors go into actual service, they are soon taken off for the purpose of perfecting a few details, and they remain off. Within a week we have read particulars of most successful experiments being made in London and Liverpool with compressed air motors that operated tramways over very heavy gradients, and did the work much better than horses. When we read the same story fifteen years ago, we saw in the near future the tortured horse relieved from the killing toil of street-car hauling, and neat, clean air motors doing the work far more satisfactorily for all concerned. But these visions rise no more at the mention of a compressed air locomotive. We hope the parties interested will succeed in a line where an improvement is so very desirable, but the road they are traveling is so badly obstructed by wrecks of former promising enterprises that we cease to be sanguine of success for that department of ingenuity and industry.

The description on another page of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway system of keeping car-equipment records, written by Mr. Q. W. Eitzenberger, gives a very comprehensive view of an excellently worked out system. The history of car No. 1,381 is quite characteristic of the vicissitudes of car experience, and will be read with interest by every one connected with car management. The realistic way in which the mutations of the car is related will make the system more easily understood than by a very elaborate description given in an abstract form.

The number of trains arriving and departing at the Grand Central Depot, in New York, on the day of General Grant's funeral, was greater than on any before in the same number of consecutive hours. Including the numerous special trains for the accommodation of military and civic bodies, and the regular trains that went out in two sections, the whole number of trains arriving and departing during the day could not have been far from 1,200. The fact that they were all moved in safety and without mishap is highly creditable to the local management, but more especially should it be noted as an extraordinary test of the skill and working of the Saxby & Farmer automatic interlocking switch and signal system, introduced at this important terminus some two years ago by the Union Switch & Signal Co., of Pittsburgh. The clumsy system previously in use required the services of forty men to work the switches and signals of the intricate network of tracks that form the terminus of three roads, while the increased service is now performed with far greater safety and effectiveness by two men operating a series of levers in the second story of a switch-house situated between the main tracks a short distance from the station building.

MR. HENRY SCHLACKS, Superintendent of Machinery of the Illinois Central road, is building four new passenger locomotives at the company's shops in Chicago, and he is having four more built in Southern shops of the road. The engines have cylinders 17 x 24 inches, and the driving-wheels are 66 inches diameter. They have got steel boilers 52 inches in diameter at the smallest ring, and they have 175 tubes 2 inches outside diameter. The fire-box is 72 inches long, and has an arched crown which is secured to the outside shell by radial stays. Two rows of hollow stay-bolts are provided at a point which will be about the upper part of the fire. The engines have extension front ends, and are provided with all the most approved appliances for convenient and economical operating.



DEVICE FOR TURNING PINS IN SOLID CROSS-HEADS.

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The casting being a single piece, the two sets of bosses for piston rods, for the piston rod, it is out of the question to find them by any of the usual methods on account of the lack of space between the pin and back of the cross head. The ordinary arrangements for turning pins require much more room than could be got in these castings. This arrangement was devised by Mr. J. B. Hodgson for many years the foreman of the B. & O. shops, and has been in use for the cost of finishing the pins very greatly, and at the same time improved the quality of the pins. Men not in use the legs or supports come off and the table with its gear which is lifted to one side and the rack taken off. When thus dismounted the planer is free for any other work.

Legal Requirements upon the Mechanical Departments of Railways.

[Paper read before the Master Mechanics' Association by Mr. Willard A. Smith, of Chicago.]

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It is not uncommon for an investor or the promoter of a new investment to say: "The law will force railway companies to use the best parts of the world, even if there is no special legislation for it, the railway companies responsible for accidents will be forced to use the best parts of the world, even if there is no special legislation for it, the railway companies responsible for accidents must come to it." This kind of argument is not only a waste of time, but also an endeavor to induce capital to invest in so-called improved railway companies, no doubt, led to much injudicious investment. At the other extreme, the railway officials who do not recognize the existence of any kind of liability, except that which is indirectly expressed in statutory law, and forced upon their attention by strict and well-defined penalties.

The common law relating to the responsibility of carriers of merchandise and passengers, antedates the existence of railways. When the stage-coach was superseded by the locomotive, the general principles of the law relating to carriers remained the same,

and were only changed so far as necessary in application to conform to the new conditions. The earlier decisions were inclined to hold railways to a higher degree of care than stage lines, because steam was considered a more dangerous servant than the horse and the greater the risk the greater should the precaution be. In later times, the tendency to require greater care has been due to a recognition on the part of the legislatures and the public of the increasing comparative value of human life.

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Merchandise is entrusted to a railway company for transportation and is wholly within the control of that company. Not so with passengers; they are endowed with reason and the power of self-protection. They are not to be treated as inanimate objects. They are to place themselves in a position of safety and to exercise the greatest care to protect themselves. The carrier is not to be held responsible for his own safety as far as it lies within the power of the passenger. The carrier is to be held responsible for the railway company for his own negligence on his part will relieve the carrier of liability. The carrier is to be held responsible for the operation of the road, but in the selection or manufacture and use of the equipment, the carrier is to be held responsible for the company does not absolutely insure its appliances. The railway company is to be held responsible for the equipment; but it does insure the passenger against all risks due to its own neglect.

It is in the interpretation of this word "neglect" that the gist of the matter lies. Various expressions have been used by the courts to denote the degree of care required of a carrier of passengers and there have been many attempts to define the standard. The law, it is said, and the carrier is "held only to the utmost diligence." It is said also that it is "reasonable only for want of due care, diligence and foresight will go," and it is responsible "as far as human care can extend." The law does not require principles requiring further elucidation. The law does not require a person to be physically or morally impossible, nor a degree of perfection which renders the business impracticable, but is not practicable. It is not the duty of a carrier to transport goods, but does not require expenditure of money and transportation so great as to make the business impracticable. It is also held that a railway and does not require so much expense in the way of expenditure as to make the business impracticable in the way of expenditure. In other words, with light traffic as it does of a great trunk line. In other words, with light traffic as it does of a great trunk line. In other words, with light traffic as it does of a great trunk line.

The word "common sense" in determining the exact meaning of

These limitations, however, are not intended to strip-people of their responsibility, and within these lines a credit account is held. The company's policy is that the life machinery it must, in the first place, exercise the greatest care in the selection of materials. The most approved tests must be used; and quality must be maintained before price. It could doubtless be considered negligence for a company to purchase and use a wheel costing only seven or eight dollars, when the cost of the axle is ten or twelve dollars. It has been held that an axle must be tested by the company, and that a wheel costing only seven or eight dollars must apply to boilers of locomotives and that a railway company is necessary by experts." And this liability is not, as you might

ing machinery already made available to manufacturers. The negligence of the manufacturer attaches to the manufacturers. The user and using his machinery. Nor will the high reputation of the manufacturer avail the railway company as a defense. The only exception to these rules is in the case of "latent defects which could neither be discovered by examination in the process of construction nor discovered by subsequent examination" and the defect will be construed in the light of the highest standard of care. The defect which were once considered latent can now be discovered. The causes are known and can be guarded against. Such cases will be considered with reference to the "present state

of the art"—ignorance of which is no excuse. So, when a machine or vehicle has been put in operation, continual watchfulness is required, and a cautious observance "of all accustomed and known tests for the discovery of their insuriciency, as often as circumstances require." In an interesting case, of a car driving wheel had been tested when new; subsequently it was injured and not again tested. It was held that the neglect to make further tests rendered the railway company liable for an injury resulting from the breaking of the tire. The factor of safety must be sufficiently large to cover all reasonable probabilities, if not quite the possibilities, and no chances must be taken.

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The same principle regarding the adoption of inventions applies to other classes of injuries besides those to passengers. Neglect to use suitable gates at crossings; valves for preventing the escape of steam which frightens horses; spark arresters for the prevention of lighting fire to property along the track—will render a company liable for such injuries are clearly preventable within the limits of reasonable care and expense.

It will readily be seen, from what has been said, that the questions which arise, under our subject, are largely questions of fact as well as of law, and that the amount which a railway company will have to pay in damages in such cases will depend to a considerable extent upon the degree of care, intelligence and foresight exercised by those in charge of its mechanical department.

In many States, this subject has been made the basis of a

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But of late it has become quite common for the railway companies to require employees to assume all risk by the contract of employment. The law permits this except in the case of criminal negligence. The courts are hard to prove. This virtually puts an employer in a damage suite on the part of the employee. The law has been changed to a principal inducement for a railway company to have removed one of the causes of improvements. Employees generally are willing to accept the adoption of a safety device, but they do not make any direct demand for it. The adoption of a safety device is a result of the selfish disposition of the men has been frequently illustrated. In the case of the St. Louis bridge, where a workman had been killed by overhead bridge, the law was passed requiring the suspension of hanging strain

across the road near the bridges, which gave warning to the brakeman by a slight blow. The brakemen began very soon to be annoyed by them and to cut them off; and it was actually found necessary to protect them by making it a crime to destroy them. The law must sometime step in to protect the imprudent and reckless from themselves. Acting upon this principle, the Legislatures of several States have lately passed laws looking to preservation of life and limb by requiring railway companies to adopt automatic couplers. State railway commissioners are also making investigations with a view to urging still further legislation of a similar character. Whether the desired end can be attained or even hastened in this manner may be a matter of doubt. But there can be no doubt that it is due to an existing public sentiment, and that the tendency will continue and increase. It can not be successfully resisted and opposition will only intensify it. Railway officials can only successfully meet it by such enlightened action as shall make it superfluous and altogether unnecessary. The mechanical officers of railways have been engaged in this work of improvement for years, with manifestly great results in certain directions. To a certain extent they have been hindered and embarrassed by the lack of cooperation on the part of those superior, when financial considerations are the only things which can influence. The requirements of the law may make themselves felt by boards of directors who are not inclined to listen to the arguments of those in charge of their mechanical departments. It may thus prove that properly directed legislative action will overcome existing obstacles and really give an impetus to mechanical improvement, by clearing the way. If this be true it is the part of wisdom not to antagonize the action of our legislators, but to endeavor to direct it into proper channels; and to place in their hands the most complete and reliable information on the topics which they are investigating.

binder secured in place. The machine being started by movement of the friction clutch lever, completes its down stroke, forcing the follower on a line with bottom of the flask, thus bringing the surplus sand into it. The compression takes place at the line where the movable box and flask join, the density of the sand being greater at the pattern and face of the flask, and gradually decreasing in density as it nears the back, giving perfect vent and obviating the use of vent wires.

These machines are manufactured by the Peerless Manufacturing Co., Louisville, Ky.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company use heavy Forney locomotives for operating their suburban traffic at Chicago, and the engines are very highly spoken of for the efficient way they perform this service. With a train of ten cars, they run 15 miles in 45 minutes and make 22 stops. The cylinders are 16 x 23 inches, and the driving wheels 48 inches in diameter. A large boiler, 50 inches in diameter, is used to supply steam. These engines have a pony truck equalized with the front drivers, Mr. Schlacks claiming that the engines are too heavy for the whole to rest on the drivers and hind truck. Chicago suburban travelers have not learned to rush out of trains so quickly as people through out of the New York Elevated Railroad

Mr. A. J. STEVENS, the General Master Mechanic of the Central Pacific road, is so well satisfied with the results of steam distribution obtained by his valve motion on freight locomotives, that he intends applying it to passenger engines. He believes that better means of expansion than the link motion provides, must be found before the full benefit can be obtained from the high steam pressures coming into use. Writing upon this subject, he says: "It is my opinion that a locomotive fitted with the link valve gearing, and cutting off at any particular point, will not do her work more economically with 150 pounds steam pressure than she will with 135 pounds, cutting off at the same point. To be sure, she will do more work, but I doubt if it will be done more economically. The steam, of course, is admitted at a higher pressure, but it is exhausted at a correspondingly higher pressure; so just where the saving comes in I am unable to see, though it may be there. If the steam could be cut off earlier in the stroke and retained longer in the cylinder, the higher pressure would undoubtedly be more economical." His valve gear has been used on an engine that reaches a piston speed between 1,200 and 1,300 feet per minute.

THE "COMMON SENSE NUT-LOCK."—Devices for keeping fishplate bolts tight, have of late years occupied a prominent place among railroad inventions, which is a sure indication that something effective in this line is wanted. Our attention has recently been directed to a nut-lock in use on the station tracks of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy roads, at Chicago, and which has for more than a year done excellent service under most heavy and difficult work. It is an exceedingly simple invention, consisting of a bolt with a slot about an inch deep milled into its end. When the nut is screwed up, this slot is forced open a little. No check-wire is required, yet the bolts we examined that had been long in use in the yard tracks, were perfectly tight. We believe it was the invention of a working machinist. This fastening, which is called the Common Sense Nut-LOCK, has been adopted by the Chicago & Northwestern road as the standard for all their track work. Arrangements have been made to manufacture the device on a large scale by the Union Nut Co., of Unionville, Conn., and Cleveland, Ohio. The Western Agent of the company, Mr. M. Hecklinger, 232 Lake street, Chicago, says the demand for this fastening has developed very rapidly within the last few months.

Friction and Lost Work in Machinery and Mill Work, by R. H. Thurston. John Wiley & Sons, 15 Astor Place, New York. Price \$4.

Professor Thurston has been for years engaged in investigating the numerous problems relating to friction and lubrication, and this book contains the result of his deductions and discoveries. In numerous instances the data produced by carefully conducted experiments indicate that the work engaged in by Professor Thurston was needed by the mechanical world, for they show that certain laws of friction as given by accepted authorities were incorrect. The book contains a great deal of valuable information, and is a subject peculiarly interesting to railroad men, since the expense of operating railroad trains is directly influenced by the elimination of useless friction. But we fear that for practical railroad men will receive any benefit from the work, for to most of them it will be a sealed book on account of the profuse use of high algebraic formulas in working out the problems. Perhaps Professor Thurston could not explain the "theory of friction" without using the calculus to make his labors easy, but using that kind of mathematics will not permit a work to become popular, however much its profundity may reflect credit upon the author.

Mr. F. J. Clamer, of the Ajax Metal Co., Philadelphia, has discovered a process by which aluminum can be produced at a low cost per pound and in large quantities. The process is said to be entirely practical in every way.

Our Directory.

We note the following changes since our last issue. Our readers will do us a great favor by giving us prompt notice of any changes that may come to their knowledge or of any errors that may be noticed in our list:

Baltimore of *Brinkley*—James Harrington has been appointed General Superintendent of the Baltimore & Annapolis road.
Chicago & Iowa—H. D. Johnson has been appointed Acting General Superintendent, in place of W. H. Holcomb, who has gone to the Chicago, Burlington & Northern road.
Cincinnati, Van Wert & Michigan—E. M. Reynolds has resigned as Purchasing Agent.

Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis—Wm. Garstang succeeds T. T. Rausch as Motor Mechanic, in place of St. Louis road, and Indianapolis Division. E. Hudson, late Foreman of the St. Louis road, succeeds Garstang as Master Mechanic of the Columbus & Cincinnati Division.

Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette—D. McCool has resigned as General Superintendent, to accept the same position on the St. Joseph & Western.

Denver Circle—W. B. Sprague has been appointed Superintendent.

Houston & Texas Central—George A. Quinlan has been appointed General Superintendent, vice J. Waldo.

Missouri Pacific—J. J. Frey has been appointed Superintendent of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Division, north of Parsons. T. G. Golden is Division Superintendent between Junction City and Denison, and M. C. Straight Superintendent of Western Division.

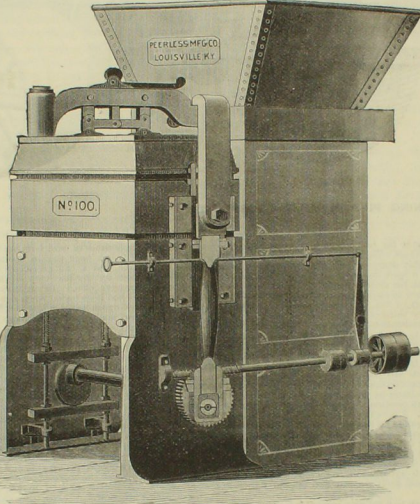
New Brunswick—G. A. Haggerty has been appointed Mechanical Superintendent, with entire charge of the rolling stock of the road.

Past Jervis & Monticello—James M. Warner has been appointed Superintendent in place of M. V. Heller, resigned.

St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute—J. H. Marshall has been appointed Master Mechanic, vice R. M. Pringle, resigned.

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The Rice Sand-Moulding Machine.

This engraving represents a machine for making moulds for foundry use where large quantities of any one kind of castings are required. The machine is quite simple, every moving part except the templet and follower being shown in the cut, and it can be used by unskilled labor.

The pattern is of metal and does not move, being securely fixed to the bed of the machine. The templet about the pattern or follower as it is called rests solidly on the bed of the machine during compression, the pattern to be moulded extending above it into the sand, the follower itself moulding the face of the flask. By this arrangement under compression the follower and the pattern are virtually one solid piece, and the resulting mould never can vary in depth or thickness, which insures perfectly uniform castings and guarantees a perfect match. The principle involved in the use of an immovable pattern is new and undoubtedly correct, for it works with the same accuracy whether applied to thin or light work such as skillets and stove plates, or to large work like car wheels or oil boxes. It is claimed that one hour's product of the machine equals a day's work of a moulder, and that the machine works in more perfect and gives less percentage of loss.

Its operation is as follows: The pattern is stationary and immovable and rigidly attached to the frame of the machine. The movable box, which supports the flask and binder has an up and down movement about the pattern and templet. The bottom of the down stroke, the templet or follower, is exactly on line with the bottom of the flask, the pattern extending above it into the sand. The follower or templet about the pattern rests firmly on the bed of the machine during compression, and after the mould is formed it rises with the flask, supporting the sand while it strikes the pattern, then slowly separates from the sand just before the flask reaches the limit of the upward stroke. The cans shown inside the lower part of the machine raise the templet, as described, and with the pattern on the outside constitute the entire moving mechanism of the machine, the stroke made by the cans rods and pitman being nearly equal. The arch binder at the top is thrown to one side to take off and replace the flask, the cover attached to it holding the sand in the flask during compression. In operating the machine it stops automatically at a right distance above the limit of the down stroke, usually about 1½ inches. This leaves the follower the same distance below the top of the movable box, and furnishes the space for the surplus sand that is to be compressed. The flask is then placed on top of the box, filled with sand from the hopper behind the machine by an automatic movement of the sand drawer, and the

cars, and considerable time is lost at each stop. But there is no time lost in getting the trains under way, and they are kept spinning till the next stopping place is almost reached. Mr. Snow, the Master Car-Building of the road, complained at a meeting of the Western Railway Club about engineers applying the air-brakes violently, but if ever there was a justifiable excuse for so doing, it is in running these trains on schedule time.

DURING the recent trouble between the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the brakemen who objected to double-headed trains, the following reasons were given why running double-headed trains should not be practiced:

"1. That after giving the double-header engine a few weeks' trial, we realize that owing to the condition of the track, trestle-tunnels and grades they are exceedingly dangerous to the life and limb of all employed in our department.

"2. That since this system has been in vogue there have been no less than five runaways down grade, such as to cause every engine on three trains to meet their death before reaching the bottom of the hill.

"3. That our experience shows that two engines coupled in one train, and running over sinks in the track, such as are along the line of the Pittsburgh division, causes the train to be repeatedly breaking, thus making it not only dangerous to life and limb, but to the property of the company.

"4. That in shifting cars it is impossible for two engines to work alike, making it dangerous to the engine in coupling cars. This is not a strike for wages, nor is it a protest against doing the work of the road; neither is it on account of any dissension between the subordinate officers of the road and ourselves, so our relations have generally been of the most friendly character. If we are in doubt and lives we would protect, which in the interest of our families and friends seems to render it proper that we stand firm until a satisfactory settlement can be had between the company and ourselves."

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company have abolished the practice of preparing sheets showing the relative performance of their locomotives. They consider that making out performance sheets is a useless expenditure of time and money. A good many careless engineers will agree with them in this.

MR. GEORGE M. BRILL, of Philadelphia, has invented and patented a car axle-box where elaborate precautions are taken to prevent the access of dust and grit to the journal. The method employed to effect this end also prevents the escape of oil. The invention appears to be a valuable one.

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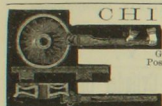
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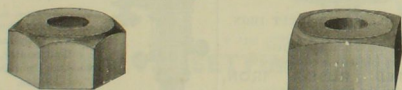
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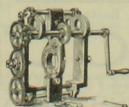
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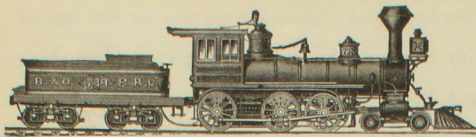


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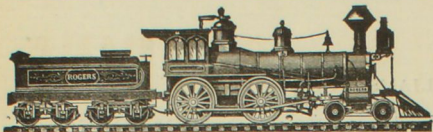
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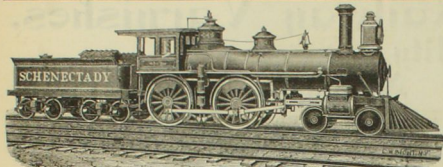
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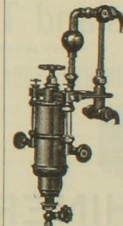
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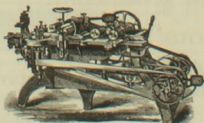
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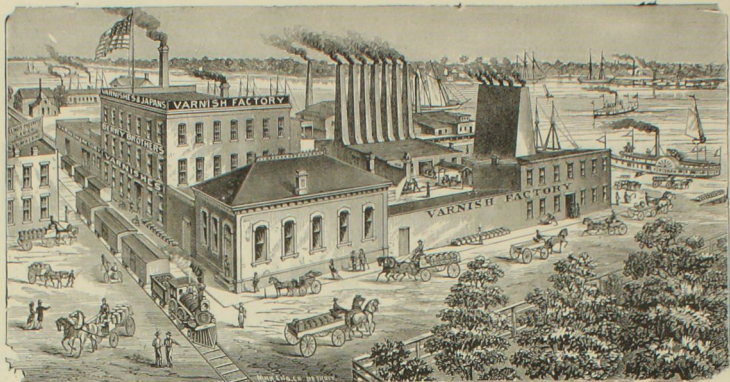
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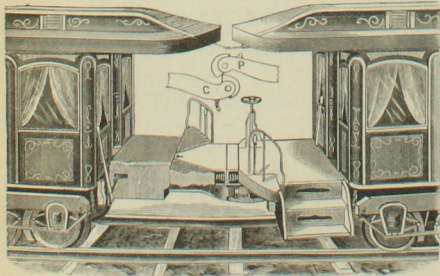
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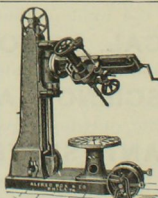
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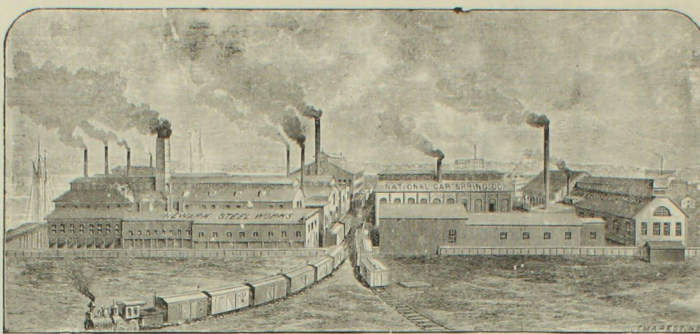
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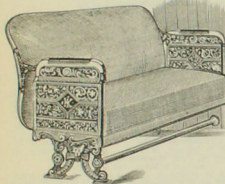
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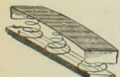
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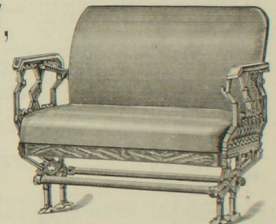


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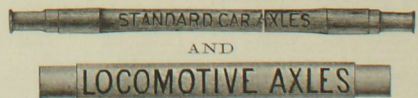
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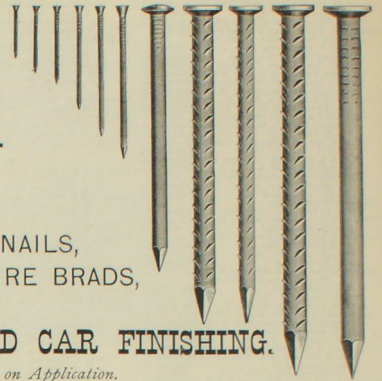
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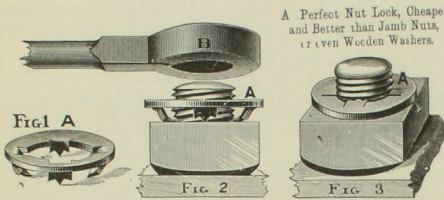


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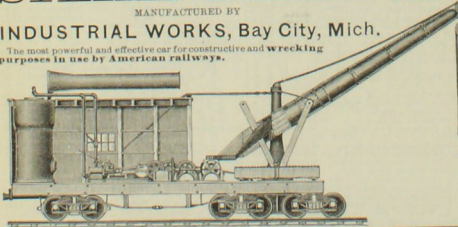
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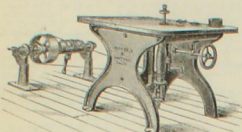
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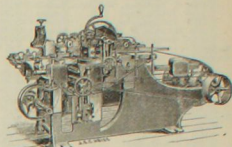
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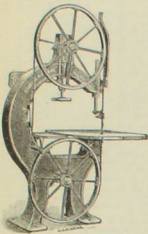
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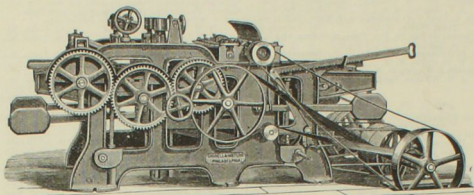
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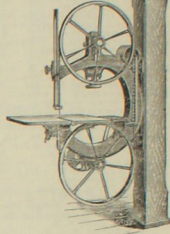
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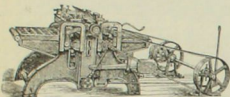
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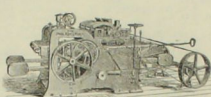
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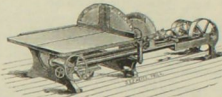
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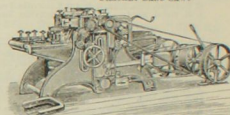
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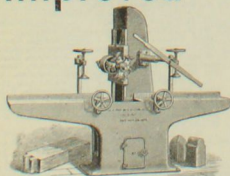
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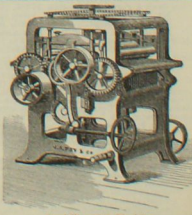
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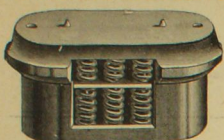
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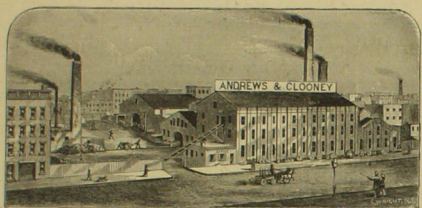
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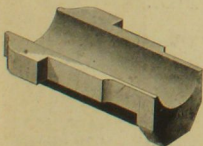
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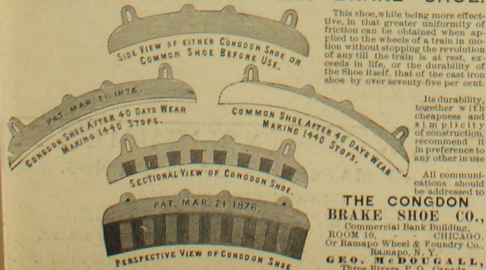
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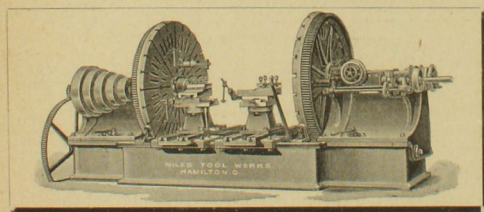
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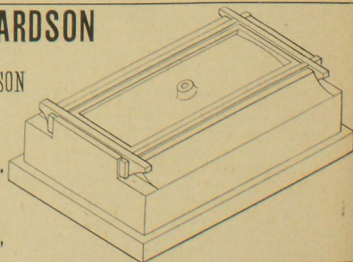
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